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MORNING NOTES

PSEi performance

PSEi Index 28 Apr 2010: 3,284.78 - 22.93

Value T/O, net Php 1,901 million
52-week High 3,322.90
Low 2,057.67

Foreign Buying: Php 984 million
Foreign Selling: Php 1,119 million

Regional performance

Dow Jones : 11,045.27 + 53.28 FTSE 100 : 5,586.61 - 16.91 Nikkei 225 : 10,924.79 - 287.87

Trading snapshot

Index Movers	Points
PLDT	-6.81
Ayala Corp.	-5.61
Ayala Land	-4.44
Manila Electric Co.	-2.92
DMCI Holdings	+2.92
Index Out-performers	Up
DMCI Holdings	6.15%
ICTSI	3.57%
SM Prime	2.50%
Index Under-performers	Down
Alliance Global	3.39%
Ayala Corp.	2.84%
First Gen	2.44%
Filinvest Land	2.06%
Universal Robina	1.92%

Calendar

Apr 29 CHI/ SINO/ BEL/ CPVD/ FMIC ASM
Apr 29 Meralco 1Q Results Briefing

Apr 30 Filinvest Land ASM

May 03 Semirara Mining Corp. ASM

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HEADLINES

Fed comments lift Wall Street

■ The Federal Reserve's statement that economic activity continues to strengthen while the labor market is beginning to improve helped lift U.S. stocks on Wednesday (Apr 28) as it offset news that Standard & Poor's cut its credit rating on Spain by one notch. Energy and financial shares benefited, with Exxon Mobil (+1.4%) and JPMorgan (+2.5%) among top boosts to the Dow. In earnings news, Dow Chemical Co (+5.9%), Comcast Corp (+1.9%) and Broadcom Corp (+1.7%) reported profits that beat expectations. Meanwhile, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries (-1.7%) continued to weigh on the Nasdaq after U.S. regulators warned the company about manufacturing violations at a California plant.

Korean firm beats 5 locals for Angat power plant

Korea Water Resources Corp. (K-Water), a state-owned Korean water firm has submitted the highest offer at US\$441M for the 218-megawatt (MW) Angat hydroelectric plant, besting First Gen Northern Energy Corp. (US\$365M), San Miguel Corp. (US\$313M), SN Aboitiz Power Pangasinan Inc. (US\$256M), Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Development Corp. (US\$237M) and DMCI Power Corp. (US\$189M) in a bidding staged yesterday by the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM).

Metrobank reports 31.7% jump in 1Q'10 profits (MBT; P53.50)

Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company (Metrobank) reported consolidated net income of P2.5B (+31.7% yoy) for 1Q'10. Higher fee income, sustained remittance flows, and additional income from financial markets sales and trading raised total operating income by 6.8% to P11.4B. Consolidated resources went up by 9.1% from a year ago to P833.4B, driven by an 8.6% growth in deposits to P602.1B. Metrobank also set aside P1.4B as provision for impairment and credit losses. Its loan loss cover grew to 86% from 63.6% in the first quarter of 2009. Non-performing loans (NPLs) declined by P4.7B, improving its NPL ratio to 3.5% from 5% during the same period last year.

Nymex Crude 1-Yr Price Chart



Source: Bloomberg

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