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MORNING NOTES

PSEi performance

PSEi Index 18 Aug 2011: 4,403.54 + 63.27

Value T/O, net Php 3,783 million
52-week High 4,563.65

Low 3,371.10

Foreign Buying: Php 1,794 million
Foreign Selling: Php 1,426 million

Regional performance

 Dow Jones
 : 10,990.60
 - 419.63

 FTSE 100
 : 5,092.23
 - 239.90

 Nikkei 225
 : 8,943.76
 - 113.50

Trading snapshot

Index Movers	Points
PLDT	+9.71
SM Investments Corp.	+7.43
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	+7.09
Lepanto Mining A	+6.09
Ayala Land Inc.	+4.68

Index Out-performersUpLepanto Mining A6.94%Lepanto Mining B4.52%SM Investments Corp.2.83%Aboitiz Equity Ventures2.56%SM Prime Holdings2.39%

Index Under-performers	Down
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ABS-CBN	3.87%
ICTSI	1.40%
Universal Robina Corp.	0.45%
Globe Telecom	0.38%
JG Summit Holdings	0.20%

Calendar

Jul`11 Overall BOP Position, GIR and Aug 19 NIR of BSP

Aug 19 SLI ASM

Aug 25 Q3 Business Expectations Survey
Aug 25 MPI SSM; AGP, MBC ASM

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HEADLINES

US stocks suffer another selloff amid fears of recession

Just when it seemed that the market has started to settle down. US stocks suffered from yet another selloff yesterday (Aug 18) as fears that the world economy is heading back into recession prompt investors to sell stocks and invest in safe-haven assets like gold instead. All three major indices suffered losses similar to what the market endured a week ago. The Nasdag suffered the most decline after shedding more than 131 points to end 5.22% lower. The Dow and the S&P also dropped sharply after losing 3.68% and 4.46% respectively yesterday. The selling began in Asia after reports indicate that Japanese exports fell for a fifth straight month, and continued in Europe, where stocks were hammered after its debt crisis continues. The renewed fears about the health of European banks as well as disappointing regional US manufacturing data weighed heavily on Wall Street early during trading. As the trading session continued, a plethora of more bad news continued weighing on the market. - Reports indicated that more claims for unemployment benefits were recorded last week compared to a week ago; inflation at the consumer level in July were also the highest since March; sales of previously occupied homes also fell in July, the third time in four months; and manufacturing had sharply weakened in the mid-Atlantic states. Stocks were not the only ones hit yesterday as oil prices fell more than US\$5, while gold recorded another high. US's 10-year Treasury note hit its lowest yield and the average mortgage rate fell to its lowest in 40 years. In another worrisome indication, volume was heavy yesterday, reaching 11.4B shares, significantly higher than what were recorded in the recent positive days. The CBOE Volatility Index or VIX also jumped 38% to 43.56 indicating more anxiety from investors.

EDC granted tax breaks for two geothermal projects

■ The Board of Investments has approved the registration of EDC's existing Southern Negros Geothermal Production Field and Bacon-Manito Geothermal Production Field (BacMan), granting reduced corporate tax rates to both projects. Though they are no longer entitled to an income tax holiday, a lower tax rate of 10% will be applied to taxable income from both plants.

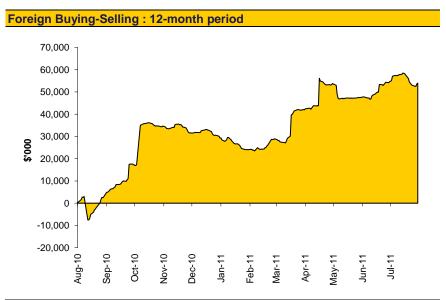
Atlas to expand in stages to free up cash for dividends

Atlas Consolidated Mining and Development Corp. confirmed reports that it will implement plans to expand copper production in stages to enable itself to set aside cash to start paying dividends by next year. The mining company aims to ramp up production to 100,000 tons per day of copper in the next two or three years after receiving an infusion of funds from the Sy group. Atlas also added in the interview by ABS-CBN News Channel that they expect copper sales to increase in the second half of the year from 34.7M lbs in 1H to 39M lbs in 2H, and copper prices to remain high due to continued demand from China.

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FPH' share buyback program update

■ As part of the company's share buyback program, FPH bought back 500,000 shares at an average price of PhP 57.90/share yesterday.



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