## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION SEC FORM 17-C CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

1.	16 March 2020
	Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

- 2. SEC Identification Number A200117595 3. BIR Tax Identification No. 214-815-715-000
- 4. EMPERADOR INC.

Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter

5. Philippines

Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation

6. (SEC Use Only) Industry Classification Code:

7. 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1880 Eastwood Avenue, Eastwood City CyberPark 188 E. Rodriguez Jr. Avenue, Bagumbayan, Quezon City Address of principal office

1110 Postal Code

8. (632)-8709-2038 to 41

Issuer's telephone number, including area code

9. N/A

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class

Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding

Common Shares Treasury Shares 15,987,391,038 255,000,138

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: ITEM 9 (b)

Please see attached Press Release.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

EMPERADOR INC.

16 March 2020

By:

DINA D. INTING

Chief Financial Officer, Compliance Officer and Corporate Information Officer



Monday, March 16, 2020

## BODEGAS FUNDADOR TEMPORARILY STOPS ACCEPTING VISITORS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 200 YEARS

Company to increase production of brandy as demand for 'home consumption' increases; distribution of products to continue amid extra measures being undertaken to combat virus spread

Following Spain's declaration of national emergency and a nationwide lockdown over the weekend, Bodegas Fundador has stopped accepting guests and tourists at its Visitors' Centre in Jerez de la Frontera, Spain, for the first time since its opened to the public in 200 years, in an effort to help curb the spread of COVID-19.

Spain has the second largest number of COVID-19 cases in Europe, with over 6,000 people infected by the virus.

Jerez de la Fontera, which is part of Cadiz province and known as Spain's 'brandy capital', only has 10 confirmed cases – still among the lowest in the entire country.

"Although this is one of the least infected areas in Spain, the company is taking these steps to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in our area," says Rafael Rendon Gomez, general manager, Bodegas Fundador.

The Bodegas Fundador Visitors' Centre is located inside one of the oldest buildings in Jerez's historical center, which is home to 16<sup>th</sup> century cellars, a medieval castle, a cloister behind a 15<sup>th</sup> century convent, majestic French-style gardens, Andalusian patios, tasting rooms, gift shops, and a restaurant built on the foundation of an antique church. It was inaugurated in 1823 with Spanish King Fernando VII as its first visitor.

Since then, it was frequently visited by other royal families and monarchs, heads of state, celebrities, and other well-known personalities. Among them were Spanish King Alfonso XIII, Italian King Umberto I, Scottish scientist Alexander Fleming, American actor Charlton Heston, US presidential daughter Caroline Kennedy, Spanish dramatist Jacinto Benavente, world-renowed

opera singer Placido Domingo, Grand Prix motorcycle racer Angel Nieto, French-Spanish designer Paloma Picasso, and Philippine President Corazon Aquino.

"We've been welcoming guests from all over the world all these years. Since we've opened our doors almost 200 years ago, we've never closed our doors to visitors so this is historic for us in order to ensure everyone's safety. This will just be temporary,' explains Eugenia Herrera, head of Bodegas Fundador Visitors' Centre.

Founded in 1730, Bodegas Fundador is the oldest and largest brandy and sherry maker in Spain. It owns vineyards, distillery, ageing warehouses, modern blending and bottling facilities, laboratories, and distribution center. It produces brands such as Fundador, Harveys, Terry Centenario, and Tres Cepas.

"We are keeping our regular production and distribution of our products even amid this situation. In fact, during the first two months of this year, we have increased our production by around 50-percent because of increase in demand. Our products are mostly consumed at home, with only a very small percentage of consumption in bars and restaurants. As we continue our regular operations, we are taking all the necessary precautionary measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all our workers," adds Rendon.

Bodegas Fundador is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Grupo Emperador Spain SAU. ###