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October 30, 2003

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-8F

Application for Deregistration of Registered Investment Company

I. General Identifying Information

1. Reason fund is applying to deregister (check only one; for descriptions, see Instruction 1 above):

☐ Merger

☒ Liquidation

☐ Abandonment of Registration
(Note: Abandonments of Registration answer only questions 1 through 15, 24 and 25 of this form and complete verification at the end of the form.)

☐ Election of status as a Business Development Company
(Note: Business Development Companies answer only questions 1 through 10 of this form and complete verification at the end of the form.)

2. Name of fund:

The First Philippine Fund Inc. (the "Fund")

3. Securities and Exchange Commission File No.: 811-05902

4. Is this an initial Form N-8F or an amendment to a previously filed Form N-8F?

☐ Initial Application

☒ Amendment

5. Address of Principal Executive Office (include No. & Street, City, State, ZIP Code):

575 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

6. Name, address and telephone number of individual the Commission staff should contact with any questions regarding this form:

William H. Bohnett
Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103
(212) 318-3318

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7. Name, address and telephone number of individual or entity responsible for maintenance and preservation of fund records in accordance with rules 31a-1 and 31a-2 under the Act [17 CFR 270.31a-1, .31a-2]:

Leopoldo M. Clemente, Jr.
The First Philippine Fund Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022
(212) 605-0486

David J. Castaldi
PFPC Inc.
103 Bellevue Parkway
Wilmington, Delaware 19809
(302) 791-1879

NOTE: Once deregistered, a fund is still required to maintain and preserve the records described in rules 31a-1 and 31a-2 for the periods specified in those rules.

8. Classification of fund (check only one):

☒ Management company;

☐ Unit investment trust; or

☐ Face-amount certificate company.

9. Subclassification if the fund is a management company (check only one):

☐ Open-end ☒ Closed-end

10. State law under which the fund was organized or formed (e.g., Delaware, Massachusetts):

Maryland

11. Provide the name and address of each investment adviser of the fund (including sub-advisers) during the last five years, even if the fund's contracts with those advisers have been terminated:

Clemente Capital, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

PNB Investments Limited
2/F PNB Financial Center
Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard
Pasay City, Philippines 1300

12. Provide the name and address of each principal underwriter of the fund during the last five years, even if the fund's contracts with those underwriters have been terminated:

Not applicable.

13. If the fund is a unit investment trust ("UIT") provide:

(a) Depositor's name(s) and address(es): Not applicable.

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(b) Trustee's name(s) and address(es): Not applicable.

14. Is there a UIT registered under the Act that served as a vehicle for investment in the fund (e.g., an insurance company separate account)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, for each UIT state:

Name(s):

File No.: 811-_____

Business Address:

15. (a) Did the fund obtain approval from the board of directors concerning the decision to engage in a Merger, Liquidation or Abandonment of Registration?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, state the date on which the board vote took place:

March 27, 2003

If No, explain:

- (b) Did the fund obtain approval from the shareholders concerning the decision to engage in a Merger, Liquidation or Abandonment of Registration?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, state the date on which the shareholder vote took place:

June 11, 2003

If No, explain:

II. Distributions to Shareholders

16. Has the fund distributed any assets to its shareholders in connection with the Merger or Liquidation?

☒ Yes ☐ No

- (a) If Yes, list the date(s) on which the fund made those distributions:

July 29, 2003

October 29, 2003

- (b) Were the distributions made on the basis of net assets?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

(c) Were the distributions made pro rata based on share ownership?

☒ Yes ☐ No

(d) If No to (b) or (c) above, describe the method of distributions to shareholders. For Mergers, provide the exchange ratio(s) used and explain how it was calculated:

(e) Liquidations only:
Were any distributions to shareholders made in kind?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, indicate the percentage of fund shares owned by affiliates, or any other affiliation of shareholders:

17. Closed-end funds only: Has the fund issued senior securities?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, describe the method of calculating payments to senior securityholders and distributions to other shareholders:

18. Has the fund distributed all of its assets to the fund's shareholders?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If No,

(a) How many shareholders does the fund have as of the date this form is filed?

The Fund has 9,732,600 shares of its common stock outstanding. On June 18, 2003 (the "Effective Date" of the Plan of Liquidation), the Fund had 177 shareholders of record and approximately 3,685 beneficial owners.

(b) Describe the relationship of each remaining shareholder to the fund:

Shareholders of record on the Effective Date are entitled to receive all liquidating distributions on a pro rata basis.

19. Are there any shareholders who have not yet received distributions in complete liquidation of their interests?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, describe briefly the plans (if any) for distributing to, or preserving the interests of, those shareholders:

On July 29, 2003 the Fund made its first liquidating distribution of \$24,526,152 on a pro rata basis to all shareholders of record on the Effective Date. Such distribution amounted to approximately 95% of the net assets of the Fund. Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. has held the remaining assets of the Fund in cash to pay final expenses and as a reserve pending final disposition of a lawsuit against the Fund. Said lawsuit has been dismissed and the appeal period has expired. The Fund

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made a second and final liquidating distribution of \$1,338,233 on October 29, 2003 of all remaining monies of the Fund which were not reserved to pay final Fund expenses.

III. Assets and Liabilities

20. Does the fund have any assets as of the date this form is filed? (See question 18 above)

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes,

- (a) Describe the type and amount of each asset retained by the fund as of the date this form is filed:

Cash, \$96,243

- (b) Why has the fund retained the remaining assets?

To pay the Fund's final expenses.

- (c) Will the remaining assets be invested in securities?

☐ Yes ☒ No

21. Does the fund have any outstanding debts (other than face-amount certificates if the fund is a face-amount certificate company) or any other liabilities?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes,

- (a) Describe the type and amount of each debt or other liability:

\$96,243 in cash for final expenses, consisting of estimated amounts for the following: legal (\$20,000), transfer agent (\$350), administration (\$860), custody (\$600), director-trustee (\$18,000), disbursing agent (\$18,000), advisory (\$100), Board (\$833), miscellaneous (\$12,500) and insurance deductible (\$25,000). Any amount remaining after payment of final expenses will be escheated in accordance with applicable law.

- (b) How does the fund intend to pay these outstanding debts or other liabilities?

From amounts allocated for final expenses.

IV. Information About Event(s) Leading to Request for Deregistration

22. (a) List the expenses incurred in connection with the Merger or Liquidation:

(i) Legal expenses: \$46,984.56

(ii) Accounting expenses: \$ 0.00

(iii) Other expenses (list and identify separately):

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Proxy Solicitation	\$33,042.85
Special Board Meetings	\$ 2,000.00
Printing	\$ 4,162.00
Shareholder Mailings	\$ 8,926.26

(iv) Total expenses (sum of lines (i)-(iii) above): \$95,115.67

(b) How were those expenses allocated?

The expenses above were allocated on a pro rata basis.

(c) Who paid those expenses?

All of the expenses were paid by the Fund.

(d) How did the fund pay for unamortized expenses (if any)?

Not applicable.

23. Has the fund previously filed an application for an order of the Commission regarding the Merger or Liquidation?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, cite the release numbers of the Commission's notice and order or, if no notice or order has been issued, the file number and date the application was filed:

File number: 811-05902

Date: August 4, 2003

V. Conclusion of Fund Business

24. Is the fund a party to any litigation or administrative proceeding?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, describe the nature of any litigation or proceeding and the position taken by the fund in that litigation:

The Fund was a defendant in a purported class action lawsuit entitled Walter S. Baer, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, v. The First Philippine Fund Inc. (Index No. 2002-122369) which was filed on October 10, 2002 in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York. On August 11, 2003, the Fund caused to be served by mail Notice of Entry of the court's order dismissing the action. Plaintiff did not appeal the dismissal order and the appeal period has expired.

25. Is the fund now engaged, or intending to engage, in any business activities other than those necessary for winding up its affairs?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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If Yes, describe the nature and extent of those activities:

VI. Mergers Only

26. (a) State the name of the fund surviving the Merger:

(b) State the Investment Company Act file number of the fund surviving the Merger: 811-_____

(c) If the merger or reorganization agreement has been filed with the Commission, state the file number(s), form type used and date the agreement was filed:

(d) If the merger or reorganization agreement has not been filed with the Commission, provide a copy of the agreement as an exhibit to this form.

VERIFICATION

The undersigned states that (i) he has executed this Form N-8F application for an order under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 on behalf of The First Philippine Fund Inc., (ii) he is the President of The First Philippine Fund Inc., and (iii) all actions by shareholders, directors, and any other body necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file this Form N-8F application have been taken. The undersigned also states that the facts set forth in this Form N-8F application are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Date: October 30, 2003

/s/ Leopoldo M. Clemente, Jr.
Name: Leopoldo M. Clemente, Jr.
Title: President