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For the attention of Mrs Felicia KUNG

Ref : 82-3361

Subject : Exemption Request for ADR's under Rule 12g3-2 (b)

December 20, 2001

Dear Mrs KUNG,

We are pleased to inform you that, in his meeting dated December, 18, 2001, the board of directors of our Company decided to pay an interim dividend of Euro 0,80 per share, for the 2001 fiscal year.

This payment will be paid on Thursday the 10th of January, 2002.

Yours sincerely,

Laurent LACASSAGNE
Chief Financial Officer

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