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LETTER FOR MAINTENANCE OF EXEMPTION

5th April 2002

Securities and Exchange Commission
Office of International Corporate Finance
Division of Corporation Finance
450 Fifth Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20549
United States of America

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Dear Sirs

SIME DARBY BERHAD : FILE NO. 82-4968

Enclosed is a copy of the following document submitted to you in order to maintain our exemption pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:-

1. Public announcement, replying to a query from the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange on the news article appearing in Bloomberg entitled "IOI Corp to buy 16% Palmco Stake", released on 5th April 2002.

We also confirm that the Schedule of Information included in our initial submission has not changed.

Yours faithfully
SIME DARBY BERHAD

NANCY YEOH POH YEW
Group Secretary

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General Announcement

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Submitting Merchant Bank :
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* Company name : **Sime Darby Berhad**
* Stock name : **SIME**
* Stock code : **4197**
* Contact person : **Nancy Yeoh Poh Yew**
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* Type : **Announcement** **Reply to query**
Query letter by KLSE reference no. : **ZO-020404-58509**

* Subject :
Article entitled: "IOI Corp To Buy 16% Palmco Stake"

* **Contents :-**

We refer to the letter from the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange ("the Exchange") to Sime Darby Berhad ("Sime Darby" or "the Company") dated 4 April 2002 and the news article appearing on Bloomberg on Thursday, 4 April 2002 stating that IOI Corporation Berhad is planning to buy a 16% stake in Palmco Holdings Berhad from Sime Darby at RM4.60 per share, plus holding costs.

Sime Darby wishes to inform the Exchange that the Company is not aware of the proposal nor the basis of the said news article.

This announcement is dated 5 April 2002.

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