

John Keells Holdings

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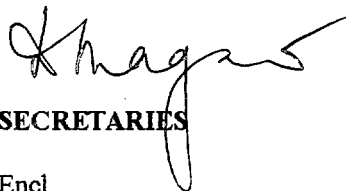
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Dear Sir/Madam,

JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS LIMITED

Please find enclosed a letter forwarded to Colombo Stock Exchange regarding the purchase of **Lanka Marine services (private) Limited**.

Yours faithfully,
For JOHN KEELLS HOLDINGS LIMITED
KEELLS CONSULTANTS LIMITED


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20 August 2002

The Director,
Colombo Stock Exchange
World Trade Centre
Colombo 1

Attention: Ms Surekha Sellahewa

Dear Sir

Lanka Marine Services (Pvt) Limited

We write to inform you that the Company today executed all Agreements between the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL), the Company, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) relating to the purchase of 90% of the shares of Lanka Marine Services (Pvt) Ltd (LMSL) and made payment of the full purchase consideration of Rs.1,199,362,500/-.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



Miss Anushya Coomaraswamy
Group Finance Director

