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LETTER FOR MAINTENANCE OF EXEMPTION

8th October 2002

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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 on Bloomberg entitled "Plantation Shares Ignore Merger Report" - released on 8th October 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
 * Designation : Group Secretary

* Type : Announcement Reply to query
 Query letter by KLSE reference no. : CY-021008-45215

* Subject :
Article entitled "Plantation Shares Ignore Merger Report"

* **Contents :-**

We refer to the letter from the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange ("the Exchange") to Sime Darby Berhad ("Sime Darby" or "the Company") dated 8th October 2002 and the news article appearing on Bloomberg on Monday, 7th October 2002 which states that Permodalan Nasional Berhad ("PNB") is mulling a plan to merge the rubber and oil palm plantations of Guthrie, Golden Hope, Sime Darby, Island & Peninsular and Austral Enterprises.

Sime Darby wishes to inform the Exchange that the Company has not been advised of any plan by PNB to merge the rubber and oil palm plantations of PNB investee companies. The Company is not aware of the basis of the abovementioned news article.

This announcement is dated 8th October 2002.

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