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Dear Sirs

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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 15th October 2002.

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

Yours faithfully
SIME DARBY BERHAD

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General Announcement

Submitted by S DARBY on 15-10-2002 08:52:13 PM

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Submitting Merchant Bank :
 (if applicable)
 Submitting Secretarial Firm Name :
 (if applicable)
 * 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 our announcement dated 8th October 2002 in reply to the query from the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange on the news article appearing on Bloomberg on Monday, 7th October 2002 which states that Permodalan Nasional Berhad ("PNB") is mulling a proposal to merge the rubber and oil palm plantations of Guthrie, Golden Hope, Sime Darby, Island & Peninsular and Austral Enterprises.

Sime Darby wishes to clarify that it has made due inquiries with PNB, a substantial shareholder of Sime Darby, on the abovementioned news article. PNB has advised that, as a long term investor, PNB will pursue a policy of enhancing shareholders' value in all its investee companies. However, the Board of PNB has not agreed to any merger proposal as envisaged by the news article.

This announcement is dated 15th October 2002.

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