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1 November 2002

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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 on the proposed joint venture with Petra Foods Pte. Ltd. released on 11 November 2002.

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

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Yours faithfully
SIME DARBY BERHAD

NANCY YEOH POH YEW
Group Secretary

Encl.

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Submitting Merchant Bank :
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(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**

* Subject :
Proposed Joint Venture with Petra Foods Pte. Ltd.

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Further to the announcement dated 2nd July 2002, Sime Darby Berhad ("Sime Darby") wishes to announce that the approval of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry has been obtained vide their letter dated 28th October 2002 for the Joint Venture Agreement ("JVA") between Sime Darby's wholly-owned subsidiary, SD Holdings Berhad ("SDH"), Sime Confectionery Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SDH, and Petra Foods Pte. Ltd.

The JVA is still subject to the fulfillment of other conditions precedent.

This announcement is dated 11th November 2002.

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