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12th March 2003

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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 a copy of the following documents 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 in relation to the proposal to bid for Loy Yang - A Power Station and Mine in Victoria, Australia - released on 12th March 2003.

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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c.c. Mr. Andres Estay
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General Announcement

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Submitting Merchant Bank :
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 Submitting Secretarial Firm Name :
 (if applicable)
 * Company name : **SIME DARBY BERHAD**
 * Stock name : **SIME**
 * Stock code : **4197**
 * Contact person : **Nancy Yeoh Poh Yew**
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Proposal to bid for Loy Yang - A Power Station and Mine in Victoria, Australia

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Reference is made to the clarification released by Sime Darby Berhad ("Sime Darby") on 17th January 2003 on the news article appearing in The Malay Mail on 16th January 2003 entitled "Sime in talks to buy Loy Yang Power stake".

Sime Darby wishes to announce that the consortium comprising Sime Darby and Sorona Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Genting Berhad, has withdrawn its non-binding indicative proposal for Loy Yang - A Power Station and Mine in Victoria, Australia.

This announcement is dated 12th March 2003.

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