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**LETTER FOR MAINTENANCE OF EXEMPTION**

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16th December 2003

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Dear Sirs

**SIME DARBY BERHAD : FILE NO. 82-4988**

Enclosed 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 in relation to the query from the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange on the news article appearing in The Star entitled "Sime Darby targets MBM Resources" - released on 16th December 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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**General Announcement**

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 \* Company name : Sime Darby Berhad  
 \* Stock name : SIME  
 \* Stock code : 4197  
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\* Type :  Announcement  Reply to query  
 Query letter by KLSE reference no. : ZO-031215-44760

\* Subject :  
**Article entitled "Sime Darby targets MBM Resources"**

\* **Contents :-**

We refer to the letter from the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange ("the Exchange") to Sime Darby Berhad ("Sime Darby") dated 15th December 2003 and the abovementioned news article appearing in page 3 of Bizweek in The Star on Saturday, 13th December 2003.

Sime Darby wishes to announce that it is in preliminary discussions with certain shareholders of Med- Bumikar Sdn. Bhd. ("Med- Bumikar") with a view towards making an offer for the acquisition of a controlling interest in Med- Bumikar. Med- Bumikar currently holds 58.56% in MBM Resources Berhad. The discussions regarding the terms and conditions, including the purchase consideration, of such possible offer are ongoing.

In the event Sime Darby decides to proceed with the transaction, an immediate announcement will be made to the Exchange.

This announcement is dated 16th December 2003.

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