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**LETTER FOR MAINTENANCE OF EXEMPTION**

26th January 2004

Securities and Exchange Commission  
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 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 in The New Straits Times entitled "Genting, Sime bid for stake in Yallourn Energy" - released on 26th January 2004.

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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NANCY YEOH POH YEW  
Group Secretary

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**General Announcement**

Submitted by S DARBY on 26-01-2004 05:22:13 PM  
Reference No SD-040120-B579E

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. : TH-040120-49743

\* Subject :  
**Article entitled : "Genting, Sime bid for stake in Yallourn Energy"**

\* **Contents :-**

We refer to the letter from Malaysia Securities Exchange Berhad ("MSEB") to Sime Darby Berhad ("Sime Darby" or "the Company") dated 20th January 2004 and the news article appearing in page 1 in the Business Times section of The New Straits Times on Tuesday, 20th January 2004, which states that Sime Darby is among the bidders for a A\$630 million stake in Yallourn Energy, an Australian power plant owned by CLP Holdings Ltd.

Sime Darby wishes to inform MSEB that it has not submitted a bid for the stake in Yallourn Energy and is not involved in the current auction process being undertaken by CLP Holdings Ltd.

This announcement is dated 26th January 2004.

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