



Sime Darby Berhad

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LETTER FOR MAINTENANCE OF EXEMPTION

8th March 2005

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Dear Sirs

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Enclosed is 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 response to a query letter from Bursa Malaysia on an article entitled "Looking beyond Sime's losses" - released on 8th March 2005.

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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- Submitting Merchant Bank :
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- Submitting Secretarial Firm Name :
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- * Company name : Sime Darby Berhad
- * Stock name : SIME
- * Stock code : 4197
- * Contact person : Nancy Yeoh Poh Yew
- * Designation : Group Secretary
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Reply to Bursa Malaysia's Query Letter : CY-050307-57272
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Article entitled "Looking beyond Sime's losses"
- * Contents :-

We refer to the letter from Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("BMSB") to Sime Darby Berhad ("Sime Darby" or "the Company") dated 7th March 2005 and the news article appearing on pages 10 and 30 of The Edge on 7th March 2005, which states that "it was made public that Sime's 50% subsidiary, Island Power Holdings Pte Ltd ("IHP"), is not quite going anywhere".

Sime Darby wishes to advise that the development of the 715 MW combined cycle gas turbine power plant located on Jurong Island, Singapore by IHP has been delayed due to problems encountered in concluding the gas transportation agreement. IHP is hopeful that the gas transportation issue can be resolved in the second quarter of 2005. Resulting from the above, the scheduled commencement of operations of the plant by September 2006 is expected to be delayed but a specific date cannot be accurately determined at this juncture.

This announcement is dated 8th March 2005.

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