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Dear Mr. Riley,

Re: IASB Request for Information
Post-implementation Review: IFRS3 Business Combinations

I refer to your letter dated 10 April 2014 inviting for comments on the above Request for Information ("RFI").

The RFI is published by the IASB to seek feedback as to whether the IFRS 3 Business Combinations provides information that is useful to users of financial statements, whether there are areas of the Standard that represent implementation challenges, and whether unexpected costs have arisen when preparing, auditing or enforcing the requirements of the Standard. Depending on findings of the consultation, the IASB will decide to retain the Standard, continue to monitor its implementation, or further revise it to remedy problems identified.

In so far as tax administration is concerned, I have no comments to make on the specific questions raised in the RFI. In general, I appreciate the efforts of IASB and welcome the launching of public consultation on post-implementation review of the Standard which could bring about further improvements to the Standard and reduction of implementation challenges identified.

I.R. 表格第 678(1)號 (4/2006) I.R. 678(1) (4/2006) I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the operation of the Standard.

Yours sincerely,

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