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Dear Steve,

Invitation to Comment on IASB Discussion Paper on Preliminary Views on Financial Statement Presentation

I refer to your letter dated 31 December 2008 in respect of the captioned matter. We have considered the proposals in the Discussion Paper in the light of the recommendations made in the context of the rewrite of the Companies Ordinance, Cap 32 of the laws of Hong Kong.

We support in principle the idea of improving the presentation of information in financial statements in such a way that users may make comparisons and analyse a company's business and financial performance more effectively. However, we are not in a position to comment on the individual proposals as they are all technical in nature concerning the arrangement of information in the financial statements from an accounting point of view.

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If, however, you envisage that the implementation of the new proposals require any amendment to the Companies Ordinance or its Schedules, please let me know.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs Christine Sit) for Registrar of Companies