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Dear Steve,

Invitation to Comment on IASB discussion documents –

- (1) IASB Urgent Exposure Draft of Proposed Amendments to IAS 32 -**Classification of Rights Issues**
- (2) IFRIC Draft Interpretation D25 Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments
 - (3) IASB Exposure Draft of Rate-regulated Activities

Thank you for your letter dated 11 August 2009.

We welcome the HKICPA's efforts in launching local consultation and in reflecting views to the IASB and IFRIC. I understand that it is your established practice to consult all relevant stakeholders and regulators.

We trust that whatever the eventual decisions by the IASB and IFRIC, you will continue to engage your members and the relevant stakeholders so that they are kept informed of the latest developments.

Yours sincerely,

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