



**Sime Darby Berhad**

(Company No. 41769-M)

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**LETTER FOR MAINTENANCE OF EXEMPTION**

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15th April 2003

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 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 relation to the query from the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange on the news article appearing in The Edge entitled "Grand Design" - released on 15th April 2003.

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 15-04-2003 08:31:48 PM  
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Submitting Merchant Bank :  
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\* 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  
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\* Subject :  
**Article entitled "Grand Design"**

**\* Contents :-**

We refer to the letter from the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange ("the Exchange") to Sime Darby Berhad ("Sime Darby" or "the Company") dated 14th April 2003 and the news article appearing in The Edge, Malaysia, pages 66 and 67 on Monday, 14th April 2003 on the proposed merger of key plantation companies owned by Permodalan Nasional Berhad ("PNB").

Sime Darby wishes to clarify that it has not been informed by PNB of any proposed merger. PNB has advised that, as a long term investor, PNB will pursue a policy of enhancing shareholders' value in all its investee companies.

In the event a merger proposal is received, the Board of Sime Darby will give the proposal due consideration and make the appropriate announcement.

This announcement is dated 15th April 2003.

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