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Dear Michael,

**Disclosure Rules Consultation Paper**

Thank you for your letter dated 28 April 2006 inviting the Institute to comment on the Disclosure Rules Consultation Paper.

We note that comments from the Institute's Expert Panel on Banking (EPB) on the draft consultation paper have been duly considered and taken up as considered appropriate. The effort that the HKMA has been put in during the drafting stage to ensure alignment with the current Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs) is highly appreciated. We are also pleased to hear the HKMA's commitment to undertake to conduct regular review of the Disclosure Rules in collaboration with the Institute in order to ensure that the requirements will continue to remain aligned with the relevant HKFRSs which are subject to potential future changes.

Noting that extensive preliminary consultations have been conducted through the Working Party on Financial Disclosure, the Basel II Consultation Group, the Technical Working Group on Financial Disclosure and discussions with various users of the Disclosure Statements and that the EPB's earlier comments have been considered, we have no further comment on the Consultation Paper.

I look forward to our continuing cooperation in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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