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(Attn : Mrs Yvonne Mok  
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Dear Mrs Mok,

**Financial Resources (Amendment) Rules 2000 (L.N. 284)**

In relation to the amendment to the definition of "approved subordinated loan ("the flawed definition")", a member at the LegCo House Committee meeting held on 27 October 2000 asked the following questions and we should be grateful for your clarification-

- (a) whether the flawed definition has caused any operational difficulties to the advisers during the period after the Financial Resources Rules have come into operation (12 June 2000) but before the amendment to the flawed definition ("the material period"); and
- (b) whether the flawed definition has made it difficult for the advisers to comply with any legal requirements during the material period.

It is appreciated that your reply, in both languages, could reach us by 31 October 2000.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Lam

**FINANCIAL RESOURCES (AMENDMENT) RULES 2000 (L.N. 284)**

I refer to your letter dated 28 October 2000.

This is to confirm that

- (a) the definition of “approved subordinated loan” has not caused any operational difficulties to any advisers during the period after the Financial Resources Rules have come into operation (12 June 2000) but before the amendment to that definition (“the material period”); and
- (b) the definition of “approved subordinated loan” has not made it difficult for any advisers to comply with any legal requirements during the material period.

Yours sincerely

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Associate Director of Intermediaries Supervision

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