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(Attn.: Ms Serena CHU)

Dear Ms CHU,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value for money audits (Report No. 48)**

**Chapter 2: Administration of the Hong Kong Applied Science and
Technology Research Institute Company Limited (ASTRI)**

Thank you for your letter of 14 June 2007 inviting my comments on item (c) of the reply dated 13 June 2007 from the Chairman, Board of Directors, ASTRI.

Audit notes the information provided by ASTRI on the reasons for not filing patent application for the six projects referred to in paragraph 7.8(b) of the Audit Report. These reasons were not given at the time of the audit. ASTRI also clarified that some data previously presented to Audit was incorrect for two projects. Audit has no other comments on ASTRI's reply.

Yours sincerely,

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for Director of Audit

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