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Government of the Hong Kong
Special Administrative Region

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Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS
Chairman, Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear ~~Dr Wong~~, Philip,

Government Minute in response to PAC Report No.48

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

Thank you for your letter of 24 October 2007.

The primary focus of the limited review is on those Government-owned companies and statutory corporations as well as non-government-owned companies. The review covers the following major issues -

- (a) major roles and responsibilities of serving Government Directors;
- (b) legal position of Government Directors;
- (c) need for appointing/re-appointing Government Directors to individual companies and statutory corporations; and

- (d) ways to facilitate the Government Directors to perform their roles.

We are now in the process of consulting the relevant bureaux and departments. In view of the number of companies and statutory corporations as well as the complexity of the issues involved, it will take us some time to complete the review. We aim to report the outcome of the review to the PAC in the first half of 2008.

Finally, I wish to reiterate that the Administration's decision to conduct the review is a positive response to the PAC's recommendation. The Administration has no preconceived ideas on the outcome of the review and wish to dispel any concerns which may exist in this respect.

Best Regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Henry Tang', written in a cursive style.

(Henry Tang)
Chief Secretary for Administration

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Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
Director of Audit