

global  **sources**

[By post and by fax]

8 November 2011

The Hon Andrew Leung Kwan-yuan, GBS, JP
Chairman of the Bills Committee on the Competition Bill

The Hon Ronny Tong Ka-wah, SC
Deputy Chairman of the Bills Committee on the Competition Bill

Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central

Dear Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Bills Committee on the Competition Bill,

RE: Timeline for announcing the non-excluded statutory bodies under the Competition Bill

We refer to our letter of 21 October 2010 to the Bills Committee on the Competition Bill where we expressed our disappointment that the Government's proposed amendments to the Competition Bill did not address the serious concerns and flaws regarding the exclusion regime for statutory bodies. We also brought the attention of the Bills Committee to the fact that the Administration has yet to release the long awaited list of statutory bodies which the Government proposes would not benefit from the exclusion provided in Section 3 of the Bill.

We note that during the last Bills Committee meeting of 25 October 2011, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development promised yet again that the Administration would shortly release such a list for the Bills Committee's review. The Administration keeps on postponing the release of such list. When the Bills Committee was established in November 2010, the Secretary promised that the Administration would brief the Committee on the list of non-excluded statutory bodies in early 2011 (LC Paper No. CB(1)320/10/11(01)). Then, at the end of the last legislative year, the Deputy Secretary promised that the list would be ready after the Legislative Council's summer recess.

Global Sources continues to strongly oppose the proposed exclusion regime for statutory bodies and believes it is crucial to engage sooner rather than later in an open discussion with the Bills Committee and the public on the controversial proposal to exclude statutory bodies from the ambit of the Competition Ordinance. In this connection, we note that, at the last Bills Committee meeting on 25 October 2011, several legislators had also raised questions and concerns about the statutory bodies exclusion.

Global Sources therefore urges the Administration not to further delay this debate and respectfully invites the Bills Committee members to request the Administration to at the very least commit to a specific date in the near future by which the list of non-excluded statutory bodies will be submitted for the Bills Committee's consideration and discussion.

We also urge the Bills Committee for an indication of the tentative date by which the statutory bodies exclusion issue will be discussed.

Mailing Address: c/o 22/F Vita Tower, 29 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong
Tel: (852) 2831 0668 • Fax: (852) 2891 0237

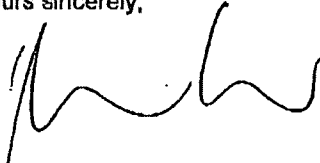
www.globalsources.com

global  **sources**

We look forward to a written reply as soon as possible from the Administration and the Bills Committee on our request above.

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Spenser Au
Chief Executive Officer
Global Sources Ltd.

Copies to:

The Hon Gregory So Kam-leung, JP
Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Ms Linda Lai
Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

23/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices
2 Tim Mei Avenue
Tamar

Mailing Address: c/o 22/F Vila Tower, 29 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong
Tel: (852) 2831 0668 • Fax: (852) 2891 0237

www.globalsources.com