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Dear Ms Hon,

**The Director of Audit's Report on the
results of value for money audits (Report No. 56)
Hong Kong Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC)**

Thank you for your letter dated 19 April 2011.

Based on the information available from relevant websites and documents accessible to the public, we have examined the operations of export credit agencies (ECAs) in 10 different countries in the Asia Pacific, Europe and North America. All of these ECAs, except for the one in Singapore which has been privatized in 2003, are 100% owned by the respective governments and are members of the Berne Union which is the leading international organisation of public and private sector providers of export credit and investment insurance.

The listed ECAs are established in different forms, e.g. as government departments, public corporations, banks or as a publicly listed company. However, none of them have functions which are identical to the ECIC. All offer products and services (including loans, project financing, investment insurance and banks guarantees) wider than the

ECIC. A table comparing the products and services offered by the ECIC and the other ECAs, and a description of their governance structure is at **Annex**. It is noted that the ECA in New Zealand which performs functions most similar to the ECIC has an advisory board structure.

In view of the more focused services offered by the ECIC, we consider that the present governance structure of the ECIC is appropriate.

A Chinese translation of our response is attached as requested. Soft copies have been sent to you separately. If you have any enquires, please feel free to contact the undersigned or Mr Cyril Leung at 2918 7473.

Yours sincerely,



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