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財經事務委員會 2003年10月11日特別會議跟進事項

維港巨星匯

按照財經事務委員會主席劉漢銓議員指示,本人致函要求政府當局澄清滾石樂隊參加維港巨星匯演出的事宜。

政府當局在2003年10月11日特別會議上表示,滾石樂隊拒絕簽訂合約,而香港美國商會(下稱"美國商會")已於10月10日決定撒回該合約。然而,路透社於10月13日報道,滾石樂隊的巡迴演出總監在聲明中表示,"樂隊已收到香港方面的訂金,而樂隊的律師亦已取得在上星期洽談後簽訂的合約(We have received the deposit money from Hong Kong and the band's lawyers have a signed contract having concluded negotiations last week)"(隨文附上該份報道)。

謹請政府當局澄清下列事項:

- (a) 美國商會/香港政府有否就滾石樂隊參加"維港巨星匯" 的演出與滾石樂隊簽訂任何合約,若有,於何時簽訂;及
- (b) 政府當局在10月11日向事務委員會表示的情況,為何與路 透社在10月13日報道滾石樂隊巡迴演出總監的聲明有所 不同。

請於2003年10月17日或該日前提供政府當局的回應文件(中英文本)。文件的電子複本可透過電郵地址mleung@legco.gov.hk送交梁美琼女士。

謹請注意,若政府當局並無提出反對,所提供的文件將可供傳媒及市民索閱,並放在立法會圖書館。有關文件亦會上載至立法會的互聯網網址,供公眾閱覽。

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Rolling Stones say Hong Kong shows will go ahead
LOS ANGELES, Oct 13 (Reuters) - In a surprise turnaround,
the Rolling Stones said on Monday they would play two shows in
Hong Kong next month, even though the local promoters announced
last week they had withdrawn their offer to the British group.

"We have received the deposit money from Hong Kong and the band's lawyers have a signed contract having concluded negotiations last week," Rolling Stones tour director Michael Cohl said in a statement.

"This will be the first time in their 40-year history that The Rolling Stones have performed in Hong Kong and they look forward being part of the 'Harbourfest' festival."

The Hong Kong Harbour Fest, which will run every weekend from Oct. 17 through Nov. 9, is designed to relaunch the territory as a tourist destination after the economic disaster of this year's deadly SARS epidemic. It is being organized by the American Chamber of Commerce and a government-funded investment promotion unit. The band is scheduled to play at a 13,000 seat arena on Nov. 7 and 9

The Rolling Stones had initially been listed on the bill when the event was announced several months ago, but then their name was removed from the official Web site. Last Friday, the organizers issued an unusual statement saying the band had been unable to commit to their firm offer in a timely manner. "We have, therefore, decided to withdraw our offer," they said.

Even the Rolling Stones' own Web site announced that "The Licks World tour has ended!" following their Oct. 2 show in Zurich, the final stop of their extended European leg.

The band was supposed to play two shows in Hong Kong last March, but the SARS epidemic forced it to scrap both dates as well as what would have also been their first two shows in mainland China. A band spokeswoman had no information as to whether the Shanghai and Beijing stops would be rescheduled.

Other Western acts on the Harbour Fest bill include Canadian rocker Neil Young, funk musician Prince, Irish boy-band Westlife and guitarist Carlos Santana.