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Dear Ms Szeto,

Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation made under the new Companies Ordinance

Companies (Revision of Financial Statements and Reports) Regulation
(L.N. 34 of 2013)

Companies (Displayers of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation

Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation (L.N. 35 of 2013)

I am writing to inform you of the Administration's plan to introduce amendments to the above two regulations.

In response to the views of Members and the Legal Adviser of the Subcommittee raised in the course of Subcommittee's scrutiny of the two regulations, the Administration has proposed a number of amendments to the two regulations, as set out in LegCo Paper No. CB(1)915/12-13(01). Members have raised no objection to these amendments.

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We have originally expected that the scrutiny period of the two regulations would be extended to the sitting of 15 May 2013, and therefore our original plan was to introduce these amendments by moving motions at that sitting. However, since the Council was unable to deal with the motion for extension of the scrutiny period on or before the 24 April 2013 sitting, the aforesaid approach for amending the regulations is no longer feasible. In the circumstances, the Administration will seek to give effect to the proposed amendments to the regulations by way of amendment regulations. The amendment regulations will be introduced together with the third batch of subsidiary legislation to be made under the new Companies Ordinance.

I would be most grateful if you could inform Members of the Subcommittee on the aforesaid arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury