



SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION

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Philippine Stock Exchange
Disclosure Department
Listing and Disclosure Group
4th Floor, Philippine Stock Exchange Center
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center
Pasig City

Attention: **Atty. Pete M. Malabanan**
Head - Disclosure Department

Gentlemen:

We reply to your letter dated December 9, 2008 requesting for additional information on the Board of Directors' authorization for management to pursue a joint venture partnership with Qatar Telecom QSC.

Further to the authorization granted to Management, SMC has initiated discussions with Qatar Telecom QSC for the joint venture partnership. An appropriate disclosure shall be made as soon as an agreement has been reached.

Very truly yours,


FERDINAND K. CONSTANTINO
Corporate Information Officer