



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 refer to your letter dated February 23, 2009 requiring the Company to explain in writing why the Company should not be held liable for violation of Sections 4.1 and 4.2 of the Revised Disclosure Rules in connection with the news article entitled "Kirin to buy San Miguel stake for \$1Bn as posted on the Inquirer.net on February 20, 2009."

The news article was not a press release from either SMC or Kirin Holdings Company, Limited. It was an article published in one of the newspapers in Japan quoting a report.

The Company promptly disclosed to the Exchange the execution of the Share Purchase Agreement immediately after it was signed.

Very truly yours,



FERDINAND K. CONSTANTINO
Corporate Information Officer