



SAN MIGUEL CORPORATION

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Attention: **Atty. Pete M. Malabanan**
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Gentlemen:

We reply to your request for clarification of the news article entitled "San Miguel to seek \$300-M loan in case bond sale falls short" published in the February 17, 2009 issue of the BusinessWorld. The article reported in part, that:

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"SAN MIGUEL Brewery is considering \$300 million in backstop debt funding to help buy domestic beer brands and real estate assets from its parent firm, the firm's top official said yesterday. The debt would be a backup plan in case the beer-making arm of Southeast Asia's biggest food and drinks company, San Miguel Corp., is unable to raise enough funds from a planned issue of up to P38.8 billion in peso and/or dollar bonds, Ramon S. Ang, president of the San Miguel group, told Reuters in a text message..."

We confirm that the Company is evaluating a proposal for a backstop facility to complement its peso bond offering.

Very truly yours,



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Corporate Information Officer