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CORPORATION FINANCE DEPARTMENT

January 31, 2003

ATTY. JOSE G. CERVANTES Senior Vice President PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE, INC. Philippine Stock Exchange Centre Exchange Road, Ortigas Center Pasig City

PSE-DISCLOSURE DEPARTMENT

Dear Atty. Cervantes:

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This is to clarify the issue on the deadline for the remittance of cash dividends accruing to shares not lodged in the PCD or those in certificated form, which is unfortunately not provided under paragraph (1) of SEC-BED Memorandum Circular No. 05-97 ("Circular") that reads as follows:

"For the corporations the shares of which have been lodged with the Philippine Central Depository (PCD), all stock dividends and all cash dividends shall be remitted to PCD for immediate distribution to its Participants no later than eighteen (18) trading days from record date ("Payment Date") provided, that in case of stock dividends, the credit of the stock dividend shall be on the Payment Date which in no case shall be later than the stock dividends listing date.

If the stock dividends shall come from an increase in capital stock, all stocks shall be credited to PCD for immediate distribution to its Participants no later than twenty (20) trading days from the date of approval by the Commission of the registration which in no case shall be later than the stock dividend listing date." (highlighting, ours)

Clearly, no remittance to the PCD can be made in cases where the shares are not lodged with it. The absence therefore of a custodian or PCD in the process would necessarily make the distribution of the cash dividends by the company <u>directly</u> to the individual stockholders "no later than eighteen (18) trading days from record date", as indicated in the aforementioned provision of the Circular. The same procedure shall apply to second paragraph of the Circular.

We trust that the foregoing settles the subject issue.

Kully yours, Verv F. CALLANGAN Directo