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Subject : Acquisition of Shares

Dear Sirs :

Please note that Philip Morris Participations B.V. ("PMP") has acquired 20,095 shares of Lakson Tobacco Company Limited ("LTC") – which constitute 0.033% of the issued share capital of LTC – taking the aggregate shareholding of PMP in LTC to 47,819,356 (constituting 77.654% of the issued share capital). Additionally, PMP's associated company FTR Holding SA holds 12,316,061 shares in LTC (constituting an additional 20 % of the issued shares of LTC).

Very truly yours,



For : Philip Morris Participations B.V.