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Mr. TSANG Chun Wah, John, JP
Financial Secretary
Financial Secretary's Private Office
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
West Wing Government Buildings
Lower Albert Road
Hong Kong

Dear John,

I am writing to you on behalf of my International Business Committee (IBC) colleagues, as a direct result of discussion that took place at the recent Pre-IBC Meeting held on 18 December 2008.

We are aware that both the British Chamber of Commerce and the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce have written letters suggesting and supporting the need for immediate financial measures to be implemented to help Hong Kong's SMEs in this difficult time.

Specifically, I have been tasked to write to you to support the **temporary suspension of provisional tax levied on SMEs** in Hong Kong. This is an issue well explained in the correspondence you have received from these Chambers.

I, on behalf of IBC, am writing to lend weight to their suggestions and to formally support the development of this initiative.

My IBC colleagues and I are committed to ensuring that Hong Kong remains the vibrant and leading commercial centre that it is today.

With kind regards,

Clement Chan
Chairman
The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong
On behalf of the International Business Committee

cc: IBC Members