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Dear Mr. Williams,

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Ref: Quarterly Reporting

In my capacity as an independent director of a number of listed companies and chairman or member of the respective Audit Committees, I did want to comment on your proposals for quarterly reporting. Two of these companies already provide quarterly reports. Please note that I also have regulatory experience, have been an investment banker and have also been active in the senior management of a number of listed companies.

First, I do understand why large listed companies lobby against quarterly reporting. It takes more work and costs more. This is clear. However, I do believe quarterly reporting of some type is extremely important in today's world. The reasons are simple. We are all dealing with more rapid changes to the business and financial environment. Investors, should thus, require more timely and more qualitative information about the business. At the same time, this clearly makes the job on INED's and Audit Committees more straightforward. We can better serve the investing community and management with more regular information.

However, I also do not believe that quarterly reporting should be audited, nor should it be detailed. After all, most companies prepare monthly management accounts already. This information should be more of a "management discussion" of changes to the business and the operating environment. I would be flexible to the form and the actual information provided quarterly. Let investors determine the value of this information with feedback to management.

It is also important that any information be given to investors in a timely basis. Again, I know the arguments from the accounting profession and companies that the work load and complexity of reporting requires time. But, I feel strongly companies should be able to get out the six month and year end audited results within two months. And, in fact, best practices should encourage the Annual Report to also be available within two months of the fiscal year end. And in all instances, it should be available to investors within three months of the fiscal year end.

Regards,