



**Trans-Asia Oil
and Energy Development
Corporation**

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**MS. JANET A. ENCARNACION
HEAD, DISCLOSURE DEPARTMENT
4/F The Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc.
Philippine Stock Exchange Center
Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City**

Subject: The Manila Standard Today News Article

Dear Ms. Encarnacion,

This refers to your letter dated March 26, 2010 requesting Trans-Asia to confirm, deny and/or clarify the news article entitled, "Trans-Asia Rights Offer" that was published in the March 26, 2010 issue of *the Manila Standard Today*, and which reported in part that:

... Roberto Laviña, Trans-Asia executive vice president and chief finance officer, said shareholders approved an increase in authorized capital and preemptive rights issue in November last year... "The increase in authorized capital is by P2.2 billion or 2.2 billion shares so what we meant to do is to have to a preemptive rights issue. We're working on that now and that's going to be done, likely timing is about late June to early July," he said...

Please be informed that the statement in the said news article specifically attributed to our Executive Vice President and Chief Finance Officer, Mr. Roberto M. Laviña, is accurate. Trans-Asia is targeting the preemptive stock rights offering in late June or early July and is dependent upon the approval of regulatory institutions and subject to the confirmation and approval of the Board of Directors. We will apprise the Exchange as soon as the approvals are obtained.

Sincerely,

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