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ASIFMA AMG response to the consultation on Principle of Thailand Sustainability Disclosure Roadmap regarding International Sustainability Standards (ISSB Roadmap) issued by The Securities and Exchange Commission, Thailand

Dear Secretary-General Pornanong Budsaratragoon

On behalf of the Asia Securities Industry & Financial Markets Association ("ASIFMA") <sup>1</sup> Asset Management Group ("AAMG"), we express the views of our members which are predominantly global asset managers operating in Asia.

We welcome the opportunity for market participants to comment on the Principle of Thailand Sustainability Disclosure Roadmap regarding International Sustainability Standards ("ISSB Roadmap"), to adopt the International Sustainability Standards Board ("ISSB") IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standard (or "ISSB Standards"). We commend the efforts of The Securities and Exchange Commission, Thailand ("SEC") to align sustainability reporting standards in Thailand with the global baseline.

As regulators, listing exchanges and standard setters across Asia start to implement the ISSB Standards in their respective jurisdictions, we want to ensure the views and expectations of global investors are clear. We therefore take the opportunity to share our paper entitled "Adoption of the ISSB Standards in Asia: ASIFMA Asset Management Group Position Paper". This paper provides insights on the nuances of the adoption of ISSB Standards that is currently underway throughout the region from the

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perspective of global investors. We hope it is useful to inform the SEC as it finalises the roadmap for the adoption of ISSB Standards in Thailand.

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Yours sincerely

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