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To: **ALL MANUFACTURERS**

IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE II – OVERALL DISTANCE STANDARD

Further to my memorandum dated 2nd July 2003 regarding the updating of the Overall Distance Standard (ODS), I am writing to advise you that the proposed implementation of Phase II will be effective from 27th May 2004. This means that all balls submitted for conformance testing after this date (ie for the August 2004 Conforming Golf Ball lists and beyond) will be evaluated in accordance with the conditions and limits of the updated ODS.

For your information, please find attached a copy of the updated protocol for ODS. This reflects the changes being implemented under Phase II, including the new test conditions and revised overall distance limit as originally proposed.

We were pleased to receive comments from manufacturers about the Phase II proposals and having evaluated these a number of relatively small changes have been made to this protocol. A revision summary sheet is included with the protocol.

If you have any questions with regard to the above or the attached protocol, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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