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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Dear Patrick:

This letter will confirm that the following transaction will not be reportable under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act:

Company A and Company B propose forming a joint venture

below \$15 million, it is contemplated that Company A and Company B will during the first 2 to 3 years of the JV each contribute \$8 million, for a total of \$16 million. Company A will obtain a 51% interest in JV and Company B will obtain the remaining 49%. The governing board of JV will consist of

member committee that will consist of one Company A executive and one Company B executive. The JV will lease its workforce from Company A and Company B.

Based on our telephone conversation, it is my understanding that the size-of-parties test and size-of-transaction test will be met

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by the above-described transaction. Under 16 C.F.R. § 801.40, the size of the parties test is met if JV will have total assets of \$10 million or more, regardless of when the parties actually contribute

corporation or an entity resembling a corporation in governance and

agreed scope of its existing control. Moreover, since Company A and Company B will not be obtaining voting securities, but instead membership units in JV, the transaction would not be reportable under 16

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Please let me know as soon as possible if you disagree with the analysis stated for the above described transaction. As always, I appreciate your assistance in this matter. Best regards

*called [redacted] 9/13/96
I concur with this letter*

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