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Pre-Merger Notification Office
Bureau of Competition
Federal Trade Commission
Room 303
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Washington, DC 20580

Re: Hart-Scott-Rodino Analysis of Foreign Corporate Joint Venture

Dear Mr. Verne:

This will confirm our discussions with the second of the September 30, 1999. We discussed the following hypothetical situation:

voting securities, Companies A and B will contribute to the joint venture cash and

The aggregate book value of the assets to-be-contributed to the JV are less than \$15 million, based on the last regularly prepared balance sheets of Companies A and R. Bourney and the Last regularly prepared balance sheets of Companies A and R. Bourney and the Last regularly prepared balance sheets of Companies A and R. Bourney and the Last regularly prepared balance sheets of Companies A and R. Bourney and the Last regularly prepared balance sheets of Companies A and R. Bourney an

venure by Companies A and B would be exempt from reporting under time 802.50 (with respect to Company A) and Rule 802.51 (with respect to Company B). With

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Please let me know if your analysis differs from the above in any material respect.



Enclosures

AGREE - NO FILING IS REQUIRED.

N. OVUKA CONCURS.

<sup>1</sup> In this regard the FTC staff construes Rule 802.50 (b)(2) in a manner parallel to Rule 802,20(b). Specifically, the staff has taken the position that with respect to joint venture corporations that are not yet in existence and as to which no entities are being contributed, the parties may disregard for purposes of Rule 802.20(b) sales