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Mr. Brett H. Kaufman
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services, Inc.
4400 Biscayne Boulevard, 12th Floor
Miami, Florida 33137

**Re: Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services, Inc.
 Form 10-K and 10-K/A for the year ended 12/31/2008
 Filed on 3/16/2009 and 4/30/09
 File No. 001-15799**

Dear Mr. Brett H. Kaufman:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and do not, at this time, have any further comments.

Sincerely,

Cicely LaMothe
Branch Chief