



DIVISION OF  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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June 25, 2009

**Via U.S. mail and facsimile**

Mr. Carlos E. Agüero  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Metalico, Inc.  
186 North Avenue East  
Cranford, NJ 07016

**RE: Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008  
File No. 001-32453**

Dear Mr. Agüero:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

If you have any questions regarding our review of your filings, you may contact Edward M. Kelly, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-3728 or, in his absence, Brigitte P. Lippmann, Senior Staff Attorney, at (202) 551-3713 regarding legal matters. Please contact Lisa Haynes, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3424 or, in her absence, the undersigned at (202) 551-3689 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters.

Sincerely,

John Hartz  
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant