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Via Facsimile (212) 230-7752 and U.S. Mail

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**Re: The Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc.
Schedule TO-I
Filed May 10, 2010
File No. 5-79938**

Dear Mr. Geller:

We have limited our review of the filing to those issues we have addressed in our comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise the document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

The purpose of our review process is to assist you in the compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in the filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone number listed at the end of this letter.

Schedule TO-I

Conditions to the Tender Offer, page 11

1. We note that the offer is unfinanced and subject to a financing condition. Generally, when an offer is not financed, or when an offeror's ability to obtain financing is uncertain, a material change will occur in the information previously disclosed when the offer becomes fully financed. Under Rule 13e-4(d)(2), an offeror is required to promptly file an amendment to its Schedule TO disclosing this material change. Based on the Form 8-K filed on May 18, 2010, it appears that the financing condition has been satisfied. If correct, please confirm that the offeror will disseminate the disclosure of this change in a manner reasonably calculated to inform security holders as required by Rule 13e-4(e)(3). Refer to Exchange Act Release Nos. 23421 (July 11, 1986 at footnote 70) and 24296 (April 3, 1987).
2. We refer to disclosure in the last sentence of this section regarding the ability of the offeror to terminate the offer at its sole discretion. This unqualified statement creates the implication that the offeror may conduct an illusory offer in potential contravention of Section 14(e). Please revise the disclosure to specify that the offer can only be terminated pursuant to an enumerated condition.
3. Please refer to the last paragraph of this section relating to your failure to exercise any of the rights described in this section. Note that when a condition is triggered and you decide to proceed with the offer anyway, we believe that this constitutes a waiver of the triggered condition(s). Depending on the materiality of the waived condition and the number of days remaining in the offer, you may be required to extend the offer and re-circulate new disclosure to security holders. You may not, as this language seems to imply, simply fail to assert a triggered offer condition and thus effectively waive it without officially doing so. Please confirm your understanding in your response letter.
4. Please see our comment above. When an offer condition is triggered by events that occur during the offer period and before the expiration of the offer, the company should inform holders of securities how it intends to proceed promptly, rather than wait until the end of the offer period, unless the condition is one where satisfaction of the condition may be determined only upon expiration. Please confirm the company's understanding in your response letter.

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As appropriate, please amend your filing in response to these comments. Please electronically submit a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

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We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings reviewed by the staff to be certain that they have provided all material information to investors. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filings;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filings; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filings or in response to our comments on your filings.

Please direct any questions to me at (202) 551-3757. You may also contact me via facsimile at (202) 772-9203. Please send all correspondence to us at the following ZIP code: 20549-3628.

Sincerely,

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