

Mail Stop 4720

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Michael L. Kranda
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**Re: Anesiva, Inc.
Preliminary Proxy Statement on Form PREM14A
Filed August 11, 2009
File No. 000-50573**

Dear Mr. Kranda:

We have completed our review of your Proxy Statement on Form PREM14A and your related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

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