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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20549

Attn: Ms. Lynn Dicker
David Burton
Thomas Jones
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Re: Comment Letter Response
PerkinElmer, Inc.
Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 28, 2008
Filed February 26, 2009
File No. 1-05075

Dear Ms. Dicker:

I am writing to respectfully request an additional five (5) business days in order to respond to the comment letter sent by the Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 30, 2009. We expect to deliver our response to the comment letter no later than April 20, 2009. If for any reason you would like to discuss this request, please contact me. Otherwise, I will assume this request is acceptable to the Staff.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joel Goldberg', written over a horizontal line.

Joel S. Goldberg, SVP
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cc: Michael Battles, Chief Accounting Officer and Acting CFO
Rob Friel, President and CEO