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Mail Stop 6010

December 6, 2006

Mr. John Whiting  
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South San Francisco, CA 94080-4990

**Re: Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005**  
**Filed February 17, 2006**  
**File No. 001-09813**

Dear Mr. Whiting:

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

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Roesler  
Accounting Branch Chief