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Via U.S. Mail

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**Re: Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Filed March 2, 2009
File Number 001-08491
Response Letter filed July 17, 2009**

Dear Mr. White:

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

Sincerely,

H. Roger Schwall
Assistant Director

cc: Via Facsimile
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