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Re: Comment letter dated August 2, 2005
SWS Group, Inc.
Form 10-K filed September 8, 2004
File No. 000-19483

Dear Mr. Nolan:

SWS Group received the above referenced comment letter and began addressing all comments immediately. Our FYE 2005 10-K is due on September 6, 2005 and therefore must be the company's priority. We are currently reviewing the FYE 2005 10-K with regard to all comments contained in your letter.

In order to focus primarily on the FYE 2005 10-K we will not be able to provide a comprehensive formal response to your comment letter by August 16, 2005 which is the 10 business day time period requested. However, we will make every effort to submit a full response by August 26, 2005.

In the interim, pursuant to a conversation with Edwin Adames, SEC Senior Staff Accountant, we may submit responses to various selected comments contained in the letter. In this manner we may more effectively accomplish the goal of accurate and adequate disclosure.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Hanks
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cc: Edwin Adames
Senior Staff Accountant, SEC