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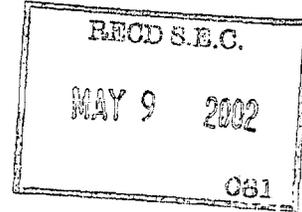
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Stanley Works, Ltd., Common shares, par value US \$0.01 per share and Preferred Share Purchase Rights to Purchase Series A Junior Participating Preferred Shares, par value US \$0.01 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 9, 2002. Tentative listing date – May 13, 2002.

Sincerely,