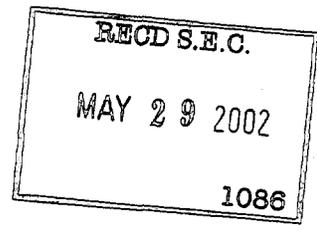


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Ms. Krista M. Hughes
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Washington, DC 20549

Dear Ms. Hughes:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, Veridian Corporation, Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 29, 2002. Tentative listing date -- Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

Paras Mehta

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