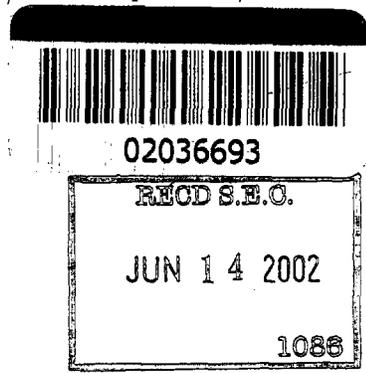


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June 14, 2002

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 1934, Lehman ABS Corporation, 1,000,000 Corporate Backed Trust Certificates, News America Debenture-Backed Series 2002-9, Class A-1 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on June 14, 2002. Tentative listing date - Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Parag Mehta".

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