

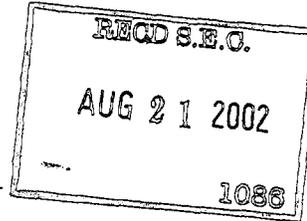
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, ABBEY NATIONAL plc, 7.375% Tier One Perpetual Subordinated Debt Securities and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on August 21, 2002. Tentative listing date - Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

*Parad Madho*