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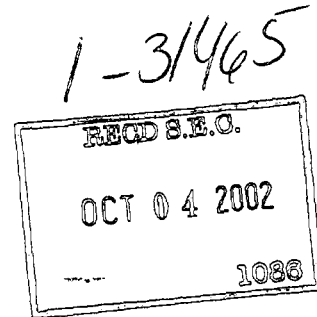
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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
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450 Fifth Street, NW
Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, NATURAL RESOURCE PARTNERS L.P., Common units representing limited partnership interests. 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 October 4, 2002. Tentative listing date – October 10, 2002.

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Sincerely,