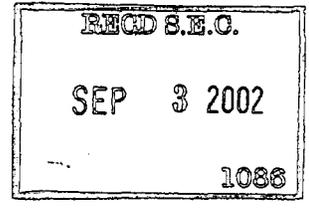




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September 3, 2002

Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4
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 1934, JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, 5.00% Notes due 2012 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on September 3, 2002. Tentative listing date -- September 4, 2002.

Sincerely,

David Glash

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