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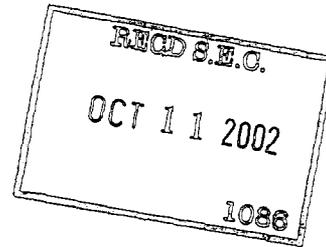


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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4
450 Fifth Street, NW
Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549



Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, THE MILLS CORPORATION, 9% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, Par Value \$.01 Per Share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on October 11, 2002. Tentative listing date - October 14, 2002.

Sincerely,

Antonio Calabrese

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