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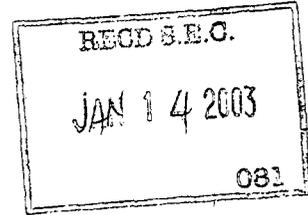
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, PROVINCE HEALTHCARE COMPANY, Preferred Share Purchase Rights and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on January 14, 2003.

Sincerely,