

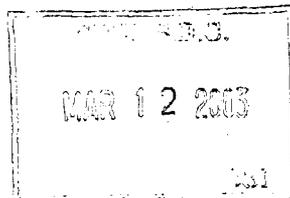


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to certify that on March 12, 2003, the American Stock Exchange (the "Exchange") received from The Rowe Companies, (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A for the registration of the following securities:

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

We further certify that the above described security has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

Bryan Fischer
Director
Listing Qualifications Department

cc: Herbert Scholl