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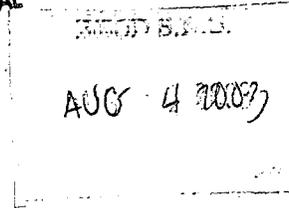
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Mr. Brian Johnson  
Branch Chief  
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Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Judiciary Plaza  
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Mentor Corporation, Common Shares, par value \$.10 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on August 4, 2003. Tentative listing date - August 5, 2003.

Sincerely,

