

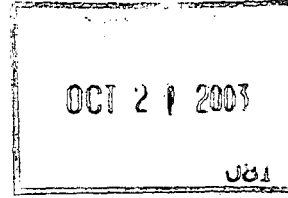


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, CATHAY BANCORP, INC., 8.375% Subordinated Notes due 2007 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on October 21, 2003. Tentative listing date – Not yet determined.

Sincerely,