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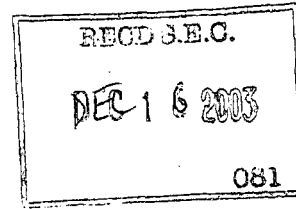


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American Stock Exchange  
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December 16, 2003

Mr. Brian Johnson  
Branch Chief  
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Judiciary Plaza  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20549



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Dear Mr. Johnson:

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

Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share

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*

Bryan Fischer  
Director  
Listing Qualifications Department

cc: Herbert Scholl