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Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549

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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, NEXEN, INC., Subordinated Notes due 2043 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on October 29, 2003. Tentative listing date – Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

Antonio Aliberti