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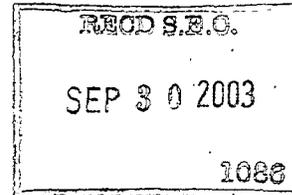
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Dear Ms. Stroud:

This is to certify that the American Stock Exchange LLC (the "Exchange") received from Credit Suisse First Boston (USA), Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Company's application on Form 8-A for the registration of the following security:

**Five-Year Contingent Protection Securities  
 due September 30, 2008  
 (Linked to the S&P 500 Index)**

We further certify that the above security has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration, upon official notice of issuance, and understand that the 8A will be immediately effective upon your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

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