



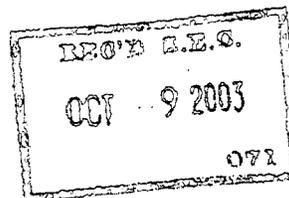
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October 9, 2003

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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, The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc., 5.875% Series D Cumulative Preferred Stock and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on October 9, 2003. Tentative listing date – October 13, 2003.

Sincerely,