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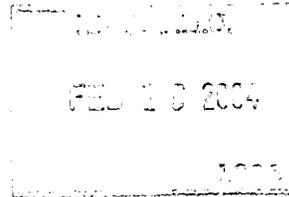
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American Stock Exchange  
86 Trinity Place  
New York, NY 10006

February 19, 2004

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



Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to certify that on February 18, 2004, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange") received from Rio Narcea Gold Mines, Ltd. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8A 12 B for the registration of the following securities:

Common Stock, at no par value

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  
Director  
Listing Qualifications Department

cc: Herbert Scholl

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