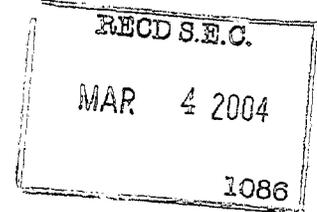




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Mr. Brian Johnson  
Branch Chief  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
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Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, CONSOL ENERGY INC., Preferred Share Purchase Rights and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A/A received on March 4, 2004.

Sincerely,

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