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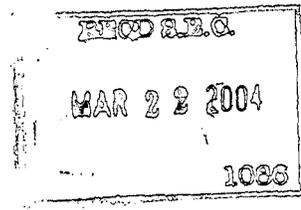
March 22, 2004

Mr. Brian Johnson  
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Securities and Exchange Commission  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, Hornbeck Offshore Services, Inc., Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, together with associated purchase rights. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 22, 2004. Tentative listing date - March 26, 2004.

Sincerely,

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