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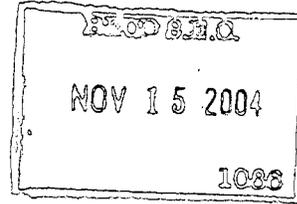


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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549



Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, SIGNET GROUP PLC, American Depositary Shares (Each representing ten Ordinary Shares) and Ordinary Shares (application for the Ordinary Shares is made for listing, not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on November 15, 2004. Tentative listing date – November 16, 2004.

Sincerely,

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