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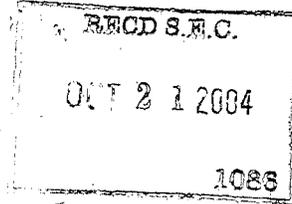


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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Room 1004 - STOP/1-4
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Washington, DC 20549

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, NorthStar Realty Finance Corp., Common Stock, \$0.01 par value. 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 October 21, 2004. Tentative listing date - October 26, 2004.

Sincerely,

Jonas Mallo