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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
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Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4
450 Fifth Street, NW
Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, NALCO HOLDING COMPANY, Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share. 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 26, 2004. Tentative listing date – November 8, 2004.

Sincerely,

Paula Eladio



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