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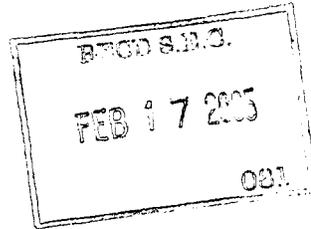
February 17, 2005

Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
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Securities and Exchange Commission
Judiciary Plaza
450 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20549



American Stock Exchange
86 Trinity Place
New York, NY 10006

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to certify that on February 16, 2005, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange") received from Mercantile Bancorp Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8A-12 B for the registration of the following securities:

Common Stock, par value \$1.25 per share

We further certify that the above described security has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

Bryan Fischer

Bryan Fischer
Managing Director
Listing Qualifications Department

cc: Herbert Scholl

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