

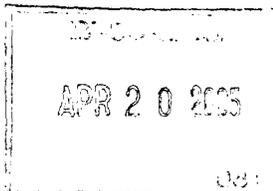


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Dear Ms. Stroud:

This is to certify that the American Stock Exchange has received from Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. a copy of the Company's application on Form 8-A for the registration of the following security:

**Return Accelerated Portfolio Debt Securities "RAPIDS"
Based on the S&P 500 Index
Due September 7, 2006**

We further certify that the above security has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration, upon official notice of issuance, and understand that the 8A will be immediately effective upon your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Mikaliunas