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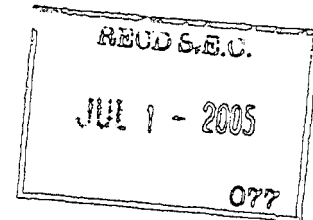
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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, HSBC FINANCE CORPORATION, 5% Notes due June 30, 2015 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 1, 2005. Tentative listing date - July 6, 2005.

Sincerely,

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