

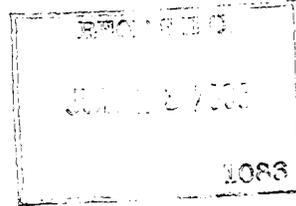
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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Securities and Exchange Commission
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, HSBC FINANCE CORPORATION, Depositary Shares (Each representing one-fortieth of a share of 6.36% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B) and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 13, 2005. Tentative listing date - Not yet determined.

Sincerely,

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