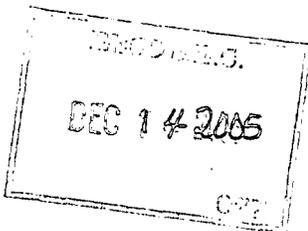




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Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to certify that the American Stock Exchange, (the "Exchange") received from Morgan Stanley (the "Registrant") a copy of the Company's application on Form 8-A for the registration of the following security:

*Strategic Total Return Securities
Linked to the
CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index*

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,

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