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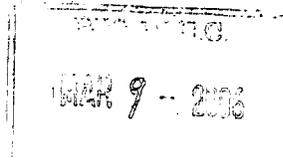
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, STAGE STORES, INC., Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 9, 2006. Tentative listing date – March 16, 2006.

Sincerely,