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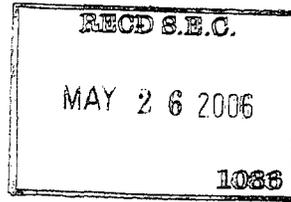
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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
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Room 2531
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Arch Capital Group Ltd., 7.875% Non-Cumulative Preferred Shares, Series B, \$0.01 par value and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 26, 2006. Tentative listing date – May 30, 2006.

Sincerely,

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