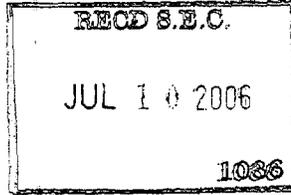




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Mr. Brian Johnson  
Branch Chief  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
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Room 2531  
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Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, ALLIED WORLD ASSURANCE COMPANY HOLDINGS, LTD, Common Shares, \$0.03 par value per share. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 10, 2006. Tentative listing date – July 12, 2006.

Sincerely,

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