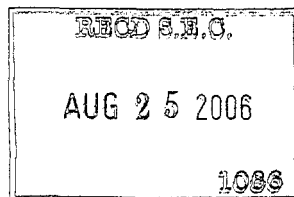


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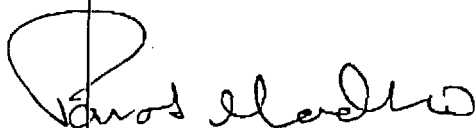
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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Securities and Exchange Commission
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, ARENA RESOURCES, INC., Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on August 25, 2006. Tentative listing date – August 31, 2006.

Sincerely,

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