



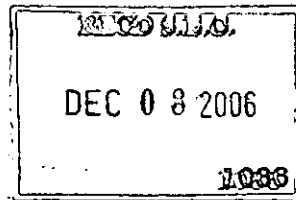
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December 8, 2006

Mr. Brian Johnson
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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, Red Hat, Inc., Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on December 8, 2006. Tentative listing date – December 12, 2006.

Sincerely,

Paul Madro

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