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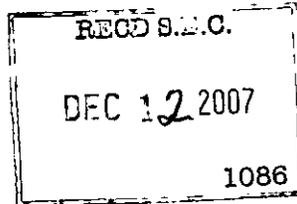
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Ms. Cecile Peters
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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

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Dear Ms. Peters:

This is to certify that on December 6, 2007, The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Athersys, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

We further certify that the security described above has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

Gary Sundick

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