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Ms. Velma T. Smith
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, ~~EKSPORTFINANS ASA, USD~~ 1,250,000,000.00 2.375% Benchmark due May 25, 2016, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 23, 2011. Tentative listing date – May 25, 2011.

Sincerely,