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Ms. Cecile Peters  
Chief, Information Technology  
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100 F Street, NE MS 3040  
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Dear Ms. Peters:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, **LAREDO PETROLEUM HOLDINGS, INC.**, Common Stock, par value \$0.01 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 December 13, 2011. Tentative listing date – December 15, 2011.

Sincerely,