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To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, COLONY FINANCIAL, INC., 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 20, 2012. Tentative listing date – March 23, 2012.

Sincerely,