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Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20549-0609

Re: The Ryland Group, Inc.(NYSE: RYL) – Commission Order No. 4-460
Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

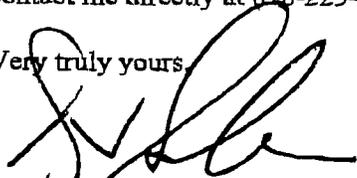
Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed please find the Sworn Statements pursuant to Commission Order No. 4-460 of R. Chad Dreier, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Ryland Group, Inc. and Gordon Milne, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of The Ryland Group, Inc. These Statements are in the form of Exhibit A to the Commission's Order.

Would you kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and the accompanying sworn statements by stamping the enclosed copies and returning them to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed sworn statements, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 818-223-7575.

Very truly yours,


Timothy J. Geckle
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Enclosure

Exhibit A-2

OMB Number: 3235-0569

Expires: January 31, 2003

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Executive Officer Regarding Facts and Circumstances
Relating to Exchange Act Filing**

I, R. Chad Dreier, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) of The Ryland Group, Inc., state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of The Ryland Group, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with The Ryland Group, Inc.'s audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 19, 2002 of The Ryland Group, Inc.;
- all reports on Form 10Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of The Ryland Group, Inc. filed with the commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

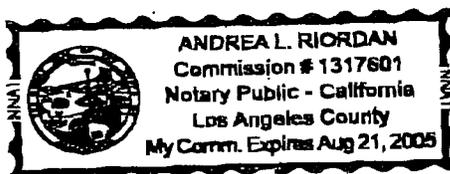
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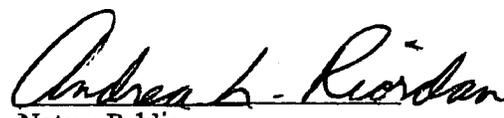
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R. Chad Dreier
August 5, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 5th day of
August, 2002.




Notary Public
My Commission Expires: August 21, 2005