



HORNBLOWER & WEEKS, INC.

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John Walsh
Securities & Exchange Commission
Division of Market Regulation
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549
Attn: Y2K Compliance

RE: BD#004683, Hornblower & Weeks, Inc. (Y2K Compliance)

Dear Mr. Walsh:

At the suggestion of Ms. Amy Hackley of the NASD Year 2000 Program Office, who completed a Year 2000 Examination at our offices on Tuesday, October 19, 1999, we are sending this update to our Year 2000 readiness.

In the Broker-Dealer-Year 2000 Report dated April 29, 1999, we indicated an expected completion date of July 31, 1999. In preparing this report, we anticipated moving our offices during the last week of June, 1999. Due to construction and communication delays, our move was postponed until the last week of July, 1999, thus setting back our efforts to replace non-compliant computer hardware and software.

Except for a few documents that were created with Office 97 that have minor Y2K issues that are being addressed and will be repaired prior to November 15, 1999, our Y2K effort has been completed as is evidenced by the enclosed letter from our computer services vendor, Tailored Solutions, Inc. We do not anticipate any disruptions to our computer systems during the Year 2000.

In our original Y2K plan we anticipated changing our clearing broker to Wexford Clearing Services. We have since decided to remain with CIBC/World Markets who have advised us that they are Y2K compliant. We have also successfully completed testing with our clearing firm and we are confident that we will not have any Year 2000 problems with them.

We herein certify that due to our efforts as well as those of our vendors and all the service firms that we interface with, we expect to be fully Y2K compliant by November 15, 1999.

Sincerely,

Jack Lubitz
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cc: Mr. Brooks Johnson- NASD Year 2000 Program Office