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Re: Release No IA-2266 (File No. S7-30-04): Proposed Registration Under the Advisers Act of Certain Hedge Fund Advisers

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Dear Mr. Katz:

HARTFORD

Dechert LLP is an international law firm with a leading financial services practice, including in particular, the representation of a diverse group of hedge fund managers. We are in the process of preparing comments on the proposed rule which would require the registration of certain hedge fund advisers under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The proposal was published in the *Federal Register* on July 28, 2004. In order to allow additional time for us to solicit meaningful input on this important proposal from our clients and various international lawyers with whom we work, we respectfully request that the comment period be extended for an additional 30 days until October 15, 2004.

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Very truly yours,

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