



DIVISION OF
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-0404

January 15, 2010

Mail Stop 4631

Via U.S. mail and facsimile

Mr. Richard F. Hobbs, Senior Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer
Sensient Technologies Corporation
777 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202-5304

Re: Sensient Technologies Corporation
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Definitive Proxy Material Filed on Schedule 14A on March 13, 2009
File No.: 1-7626

Dear Mr. Hobbs:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

You may contact Dorine H. Miller, Financial Analyst, at (202) 551-3711 or, in her absence, contact me at (202) 551-3397, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jay Ingram,
Legal Branch Chief