

December 29, 2009

Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile (212-704-1201)

Michael I. Roth  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer  
The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.  
1114 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, New York 10036

**Re: The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008  
Filed February 27, 2009  
File No. 1-06686  
Response Letter Dated December 18, 2009**

Dear Mr. Roth:

We refer you to our comment letter dated November 13, 2009 regarding business contacts with Syria. We have completed our review of this subject matter and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Blye, Chief  
Office of Global Security Risk

cc: Larry Spigel  
Assistant Director  
Division of Corporation Finance