

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

August 26, 2008

Melvin J. Gordon Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. 7401 South Cicero Avenue Chicago Illinois 60629

Re: Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc.

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

Filed February 29, 2008

Schedule 14A

Filed March 25, 2008

Form 10-Q for Fiscal Quarter Ended March 31, 2008

Filed May 8, 2008

Form 10-Q for Fiscal Quarter Ended June 30, 2008

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Dear Mr. Gordon:

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

Sincerely,

H. Roger Schwall Assistant Director

cc: David Cifrino, Esq. (by facsimile)

M. Karney D. Levy