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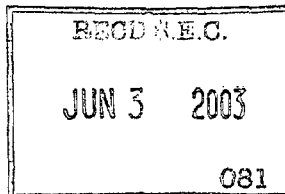


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to certify that on June 3, 2003, the American Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange") received from Essex Corporation (the "Registrant"), a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A for the registration of the following security:

Common Stock, no par value

We further certify that the above described securities have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

Bryan Fischer
Director
Listing Qualifications Department

cc: Herbert Scholl