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To whom it may concern:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, ASTORIA FINANCIAL CORPORATION Depository Shares, each representing a 1/40th interest in a share of 6.50% Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series C and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 19, 2013. Tentative listing date – March 25, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin Mecabe".