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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, W. R. BERKLEY CORPORATION, 5.625% Subordinated Debentures due 2053, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on May 2, 2013. Tentative listing date – May 7, 2013.

Sincerely,

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