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September 17, 2001

Mr. Eliot Zuckerman
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a/a/f Mercantile Exchange
One North End Avenue
New York, New York 10282

**Re: One North End Avenue
Ambient Project #211338**

Dear Mr. Zuckerman:

The following is a summary of the indoor environmental quality survey that Ambient Group, Inc. performed on September 14th, 2001 at the above referenced location. The survey included sampling for levels of background gaseous parameters, airborne dust characterization and air sample collection for TEM analysis, as well as absence/presence of asbestos in settled dust.

Analysis of all indoor gaseous air quality parameters, which included carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and total volatile organic compounds groups I and group II revealed that all indoor readings were below OSHA, ACGIH, ASHRAE and other recommended industry guidelines and/or regulations.

Seven (7) air samples were collected from various locations on floors 3, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15 and lobby analyzed by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) for asbestos structures. The results of the analysis indicated that airborne asbestos levels at the time of testing were less than the analytical sensitivity of the instrument, as well as well below the EPA standard of 70 structures/mm² and other recommended industry guidelines and/or regulations.

Seven (7) air samples were collected from various locations on floors 3, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, and lobby and analyzed for dust characterization. The samples were composed primarily of fungal spores, skin fragments, gravel road dust, carbon particles, and cement dust. Although the concentrations of carbon particles, cement dust, skin fragments and fungal spores were slightly elevated, the levels detected should not pose any adverse health concerns to the building occupants.

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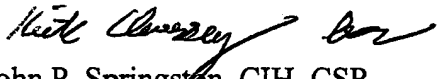
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Should you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,
Signed for Ambient Group, Inc. by:


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September 15, 2001

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Attn. Birger Elvenaes

RE: New York Mercantile Exchange building
One North End Avenue, New York City

Gentlemen:

As per your request today I performed a superficial field observation of the accessible areas of the referenced above NYMEX building structure as well as review of the original design documents available. This was urgently required to assess any structural damages that could have been caused by the recent destruction and collapse of the World Trade Center buildings nearby. Public access to the building and restoration of its normal activities is planned for a day after tomorrow.

Performed field observations did not reveal any structural damages, distortions, settlements, cracking, etc. that could be associated with and be caused by collapse of the nearby buildings. In our opinion at this time the building is in structurally satisfactory condition, and its normal use may be restored.

However we recommend periodical monitoring of the structural condition of the building due to the continuing excavation work near the building site and the associated changes in the soil condition that can have an adverse affect. In-depth inspection of the building structure as well instrumental monitoring of the deformations would be required if any signs of the distress were discovered.

Very truly yours



Simon Fridman, P.E.

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John O'Donnell
Tony Pagano