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South Bridge Tower, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Medina:

As part of an ongoing effort the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene conducted a Public Health Investigation to Assess Potential Exposures to Airborne and Settled Surface Dust in Residential Areas of Lower Manhattan. Sample results for dust commonly found in buildings

collapse of the World Trade Center, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Agency for Toxic Substances and Hazardous Waste, and the Environmental Protection Agency of 2001 at selected residences in lower Manhattan (asbestos and fiberglass) and minerals

Enclosed are the sampling results for asbestos and lead. Also enclosed is a copy of the Executive Summary, *Potential Exposures to Airborne and Settled Surface Dust in Residential Areas of Lower Manhattan*.

A complete copy of this report, which includes the sampling results for the entire assessment, can be found on our web page at www.nyc.gov/health.

street. Results from air and dust sampling (February 2002). Also enclosed is a copy of the *Health Investigation to Assess Potential Exposures to Airborne and Settled Surface Dust in Residential Areas of Lower Manhattan*. A

complete copy of this report, which includes the sampling results for the entire assessment, can be found on our web page at www.nyc.gov/health.

The results of air sampling in your building, and for all of the buildings that were sampled in lower Manhattan, did not show the presence of a public health hazard. However, because of the increased presence of contaminants in many of the settled dust samples (as compared to sampled residences outside of lower Manhattan), we are recommending that residents continue to conduct frequent cleaning using vacuums with HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filtration and damp cloths/mops to reduce the potential for making the dust airborne.

Lower Manhattan residents concerned about possible World Trade Center-related dust in their residential areas can receive information and request cleaning and/or testing from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by logging on to the agency's World Trade Center Web page at www.epa.gov/wtc or by calling the EPA hotline at 1-(877)-796-5471. If you have questions about this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 788-4290.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Results of Air and Settled Dust Sampling at 66 Frankfort Street and at 90 Gold Street
2. Executive Summary: Final Report of the Public Health Investigation to Assess Potential Exposures To Airborne and Settled Surface Dust in Residential Areas of Lower Manhattan

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