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Gateway Plaza Management Corporation
375 South End Avenue
New York. New York 10280 **Via Facsimile**

Subject: **Gateway Plaza Building #200**

Gentlemen:

ALC Environmental Incorporated (ALC) has been retained to perform bulk sampling, visual assessments & air monitoring according to the *EPA Protocol* to determine the presence of asbestos at the above referenced project. Every apartment in the building was assessed by our inspectors for dust and debris. Any area where visible dust and debris was found, ALC's inspectors took a bulk sample, which was then sent to a third party independent laboratory for analysis. In most cases there was insufficient debris to sample and a visual assessment only was performed. Additionally, air sampling was performed using TEM Methodology on every floor in the building

Twenty-one (21) initial background air samples were collected and analyzed at building 200. Twenty-one (21) were analyzed via phase contrast microscopy (PCM) and twelve (12) were re-analyzed via transmission electron microscopy (TEM). **All were below the permissible limits.**

Based on EPA Guidelines, we collected one hundred ninety-nine (199) bulk samples and analyzed them via Polarized Light Microscopy (PLM) Methodology. Sixteen (16) samples collected from six (6) apartments were found to be slightly above the regulatory limits of 1%. Of the sixteen (16) bulk samples that were found to be above the limits, **zero (0)** were found to be above the regulatory limits upon further analysis at a second laboratory for quality control purposes. However, certified asbestos abatement contractors hired independently by the owner, were used to clean those specific apartments found to be in question and the areas were cleared by ALC via TEM sampling. **All air samples were found to be well below the permissible limits and the tenants where this cleaning took place have been notified of the clearance.**

ALC then collected air samples on every floor in the building. The air sampling and analysis was done utilizing applicable Federal, State and City Regulations pertaining to asbestos to include Federal OSHA (29 CFR 1926.58) EPA NESHAPS (40 CFR PART 61), AND TSCA TITLE II AHERA/ASHARA (40 CFR PART 763) Asbestos

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Regulations; the New York State Department of Labor Industrial Code Rule 56 and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection Title 15 Asbestos Regulations.

One hundred eighty-two (182) air samples were collected and analyzed via TEM Methodology. **The results indicated that the living areas achieved the acceptance criteria below <70 structures per mm2 set by the above regulations.**

ATC Associates (ELAP #10879) analyzed the samples using the Polar Light Microscopy (PLM) Methodology and the Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) Methodology.

The air samples were collected by Alvin B. Blake, a licensed sampling technician (AH#01-03528) and Y. Benyaguya a licensed project monitor (AH# 95-21191) under the supervision of Americo Rodriguez Jr., a licensed project monitor (AH# 89-07160). The visual assessment and bulk samples were collected by, A.R. Blake a NY State Asbestos Inspector (AH#00-08397) and Americo Rodriguez Jr., a NY State Asbestos Inspector (AH#89-07160).

Tenants may re-occupy their apartments at the present time.

Sincerely,

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ALC Environmental Incorporated