UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC

RE: Amendment of D.N.J. LBR 3018-2 Acceptance/Rejection of Plans

Please be advised that pursuant to D.N.J. LBR 3018-2 as amended August 1, 2004, unless otherwise directed by the Court, all ballots are to be filed with the attorney for the plan proponent. This amendment is effective with respect to Chapter 11 Plans and Disclosure Statements filed on or after August 2, 2003. The full text of the Local Rule, as amended , follows:

N.J.B. LBR 3018-2 ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION OF PLANS: Unless the Court directs otherwise, ballots shall be filed with the attorney for the plan proponent. At or before the chapter 11 confirmation hearing, the plan proponent shall file a certification of balloting, under penalty of perjury, summarizing both the numbers and amounts of acceptances and rejections in each class, and certifying to their timely filing. The ballots shall be retained by the party completing the certification for a period of two years from the time of closing of the case. A copy of the certification shall be served on the debtor, debtor in possession, trustee, if any, United States trustee and any committee appointed pursuant to the Code, any party having filed a notice of appearance in the case, and such other persons as the Court may direct.

In accordance with the above amendment, the Court's form Disclosure Statement has also been amended to provide for the filing of ballots with the attorney for the plan proponent.

A copy of this notice, together with the full text of the Court's Local Rules, and form Disclosure Statement is available on the court's web site www.njb.uscourts.gov or at the clerk's office in each vicinage.

September 9, 2004

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