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Attention: David Gau

Regarding: *Review of Mitigation Procedures – 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Water Release Incident and Resultant Impacted Areas*

Dear Mr. Gau:

On April 22, 2009, Hygiene Technologies International, Inc. (HygieneTech) received a copy of the "Mitigation Procedures – 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Water Release Incident and Resultant Impacted Areas" prepared by BioMax Environmental, LLC dated March 31, 2009. Upon review of said document, HygieneTech concurs with the recommendations presented but has the following comment.

- 1) HygieneTech would like to point out that the main purpose of the mitigation procedures outlined is to "repair" the sheetrock that had been removed in the water impacted areas on these floors, rather than to "remediate" the fungal growth that were confirmed both visually and by surface sampling. In most, if not all cases, fungal growth and evidence of water staining were observed on the interiors of these impacted wall cavities, which is the layer of sheetrock on the building core side of these walls, rather than on the hallway side. These mitigation procedures only address the hallway side of the sheetrock. No additional sheetrock removal will take place unless a situation occurs where there is a double layer and additional sheetrock has to be removed to allow an overlap of the two layers during the repair work. The fungal growth currently present will remain in place until such time that DGS and their consultants decide to remediate or leave as is. Once again, HygieneTech would like to point out that such fungal growth reservoirs are potential sources of fungal growth related odors, which has been a common concern expressed by building occupants.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact our offices directly at (310) 370-8370.

Sincerely,

**HYGIENE TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

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