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State of California Board of Equalization
450 N Street
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Attention: David Gau

Regarding: Elevator Shafts Visual Inspection

Dear Mr. Gau:

On July 24, 2008, Hygiene Technologies International, Inc. (HygieneTech) had the opportunity to perform a limited visual inspection of the elevator shafts and pits located within the Board of Equalization building along with representatives from LaCroix-Davis. Please note that due to safety equipment limitations, only a LaCroix-Davis representative was able to ride along with the elevator operator to visually inspect the full height of the shafts. The limitation was due to the need for a D-ring strap that was required for proper tie-off while riding on top of the elevator cars. The elevator operator only had one extra D-ring strap in addition to his own. Although both HygieneTech and LaCroix-Davis possessed the proper harnesses and lanyards, neither party had the D-ring straps. Since LaCroix-Davis was the lead investigator for this inspection, their representative was the only passenger allowed to ride on the elevator cars safely. Please also note that due to time limitations, the two elevators located within the parking structure away from the main building were not inspected. Provided below are the observations made by HygieneTech and/or LaCroix-Davis.

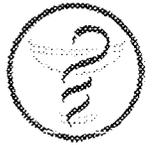
Elevator 1 – Efflorescence on elevator pit walls just above the pit floor level. Water staining on southern wall (viewed from the 11TH Floor). Suspect fungal growth observed on eastern wall near the 10TH Floor (viewed by LaCroix-Davis)

Elevator 2 – Efflorescence on elevator pit walls just above the pit floor level.

Elevator 4 – Periodic water staining at the northwestern corner walls at various floors (viewed by LaCroix-Davis)

Elevator 5 – Water staining and rust in the lower two feet of the pit walls (possible previous flooding/water table issues). Elevator operator mentioned that it gets flooded during the winter. Water staining in the northeastern corner on 10TH and 11TH Floors (viewed by LaCroix-Davis)

Elevator 8 – Water staining and suspect fungal growth on the northern shaft wall. Southern wall has possible water staining (as viewed from the 21ST Floor). LaCroix-Davis indicated numerous water staining all the way down to approximately the 7TH Floor, mostly on the northern wall, along with periodic



suspect fungal growth. The word "mold" was written on the eastern shaft wall in one location with a marker.

Freight Elevator – Very faint water streaks on the southern wall as viewed from the 22ND Floor. LaCroix-Davis finds nothing of note during the ride.

Elevator 11 – Water staining on southern and western shaft walls. Efflorescence on elevator pit walls just above the pit floor level.

Elevator 12 – Water staining on western shaft wall. Efflorescence on elevator pit walls just above the pit floor level. Water staining observed on southern shaft wall from the vent (viewed from the roof level).

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

Sincerely,

HYGIENE TECHNOLOGIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenny K. Hsi", written over a horizontal line.

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