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RE: Withdrawal Application

Dear Sir/Madam:

In connection with the withdrawal of Eastern Refractories Company, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, from Florida enclosed please find a Transmittal Letter, an Application by Foreign Corporation for Withdrawal of Authority to Transact Business and a check in the amount of \$52.50 as payment of the filing fee.

Please forward a certified copy of the filing and a Certificate of Status to the undersigned at the address set forth on the Transmittal Letter.

Please stamp the attached copy of this letter as evidence of receipt and return it to the undersigned in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided for your convenience.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS OR CONDUCT AFFAIRS IN FLORIDA Eastern Refractories Company, Inc. (Name of Corporation) Massachusetts (Incorporated Under Laws Of) This corporation is no longer transacting business or conducting affairs within the State of Florida and hereby voluntarily surrenders its authority to transact business or conduct affairs in Florida. This corporation revokes the authority of its registered agent in Florida to accept service on its behalf and appoints the Department of State as its agent for service of process based on a cause of action arising during the time it was authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in Florida. The following is a current mailing address for the corporation: POST OFFILE BOX 772 (Mailing Address) NEEDHAM HEIGHTS, MA The corporation agrees to notify the Department of State in the future of any change in its mailing address. President Signature of the chairman or vice chairman of the board. president, or any officer, or if the corporation is in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court-appointed fiduciary, by that fiduciary. David S. Feinzig Typed or printed name