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Via Facsimile

Re:

Dear Ms. Brano:

This letter confirms our telephone conversations over the last week regarding the applicability of the "solely for purpose of investment" exemption set forth in 16 C.F.R., §802.9 under the Hart Scott Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the "HSR Act") to the involuntary acquisition by an affiliate of the involuntary acquisition and involuntary acquisition by an affiliate of the involuntary acquisition by an affiliate of the involuntary acquisition and the involuntary acquisition by an affiliate of the involuntary acquisition by an affiliate of the involuntary acquisition and the involuntary acquisition acquisition and the involuntary acquisition and a second acquisition acquisition acquisition and the involuntary acquisition acquisi

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countly entered into an agreement and plan of merger to acquire whereby each share of common stock will be exchanged for common stock at me exchange ratio set forth in the merger agreement. It is gregate holdings on stock post-closing will be less than 10%, though the aggregate share value, at today's market value, would be over \$15 million. As we also discussed, may be considered competitors; and, in fact, compete head to head in the applies market, money the graphics market makes up less than 15% of approximately 2-3% discussed.

Based on these factors, you agreed that the control of transited to file a Notification and Report Form under the HSR Act with respect to acquisition of the pring securities resulting from the expression of the control of the principles control of the principles control of the principles of the prin

Once again, I really appreciate you taking the time to discuss this matter with me. If this letter does not accused by reflect our conversations, please let me know immediately.