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Re: In the matter of: Gelita USA, Inc.

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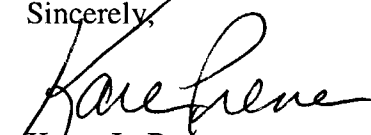
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Dear Regional Hearing Clerk:

On behalf of Gelita USA, Inc., I am hereby requesting an extension of time to file an Answer to the above referenced Complaint filed before the Administrator on August 25, 2006. Kelley Hickman, Assistant Regional Counsel, acting on behalf of US EPA in this matter has agreed to an extension of an additional 30 days for Gelita to files its Answer. We are therefore requesting an extension until November 27, 2006.

In response to your request for a reason for the extension, US EPA and Gelita have had settlement discussions and have been working on technical reporting compliance issues with Jim Hirtz at US EPA, Research Triangle Park. Settlement negotiations are moving forward and the company is exploring the possibility of a Supplemental Environmental Project. Therefore additional time for response is required in order to pursue the possibility of a SEP, and complete settlement negotiations.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Prena

cc: Kelley Hickman, US EPA
Mark Skibinski, Gelita USA, Inc.

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