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September 25, 2006

VIA FACSIMILE AND REGULAR MAIL

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 7
901 North Fifth Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

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

Seargeant Bluff, Iowa 51054

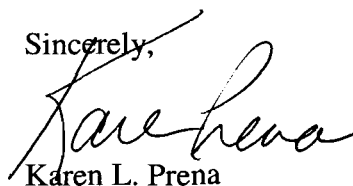
EPCRA-07-2006-0257

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 October 27, 2006.

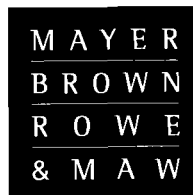
In response to your request for a reason for the extension, US EPA and Gelita had an informal settlement conference during which we discussed the EPCRA technical reporting requirements at issue. It became clear that additional discussion of the technical requirements was necessary. US EPA directed Gelita to speak with a US EPA technical specialist at Research Triangle Park. Gelita is in the process of setting up that discussion. Therefore additional time for response is required.

Sincerely,



Karen L. Prena

cc: Kelley Hickman, US EPA
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