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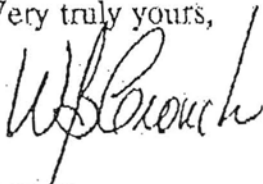
Mr. Carlo G. Lombardi
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Dear Mr. Lombardi:

We hereby confirm that we are currently working with one of our existing lubricant base oil manufacturing process technology licensees and with STP on a contemplated facility expansion proposal.

The staff of STP has been involved with lubricants manufacturing facilities world wide applying proprietary technologies of Texaco Development Corporation (IDC) and also technologies from other licensors. Basis over ten years association with the staff of STP, it is our opinion that STP is qualified and capable of handling major projects related to lubricants manufacture.

Very truly yours,



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