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Re: Request for Technical Reports and Work Plan for former
San Francisco French Bread Company, 3924 Market St.,
Oakland, California 94607

Dear Mr. Chan:

Specialty Foods Corporation ("Specialty Foods") forwarded your letter dated April 12, 2001, addressed to Mr. Kevin Keegen, and asked us to respond, as counsel to Specialty Foods, to your request that Specialty Foods furnish you with Technical Reports and a Work Plan for the former San Francisco French Bread Company ("SFFB") facility located at 3924 Market Street in Oakland, California (the "Market Street Facility").

We would like to inform you that Specialty Foods is not related to SFFB and does not own SFFB. In fact, Specialty Foods recently underwent a bankruptcy proceeding in which all claims against it were discharged. SFFB and the Market Street Facility were transferred to a new investor group during the bankruptcy process. In order to provide you with assistance in obtaining the information you requested, we will

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forward a copy of your letter to the new investor group and SFFB and ask that they contact you directly.

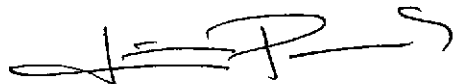
If you would like to communicate with the new investor group or SFFB directly, you may contact either Paul Phillips of Jefferies & Co., Inc., or Larry Strain of Andre Boudine Bakeries, a subsidiary of SFFB at the following addresses:

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We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jaime Palafox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jaime Palafox