

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Office of the Secretary of State

Matthew A. Brown Secretary of State

August 5, 2005

SMBC Capital Markets, Inc. c/o PRENTICE-HALL CORP SYSTEM 222 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD, SUITE 200 WARWICK, RI 02888-

RE: Corporation ID # 74949

SMBC Capital Markets, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Corporations Division of the Office of the Secretary of State has yet to receive your Annual Report for the year 2005.

Pursuant to the provisions set forth in Section(s), 7-6-56, 7-6-85, 7-1.2-1310, and 7-1.2-1414 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Certificate of Incorporation/Authority of the above named entity will be revoked after 60 days from the date of this notice for failure to file the report.

Please file your 2005 Annual Report with the Corporations Division within the next sixty days so that your authority to conduct business will remain intact. If you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call the Corporations Division at (401) 222-3040.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brown Secretary of State