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> Ms. Danielle Brackett Ambac Assurance Corporation One State Street Plaza New York, NY 10004 May 13, 2003

Dear Ms. Brackett:

Re: <u>CITY OF SAN DIEGO/MTDB AUTHORITY (CALIFORNIA)</u> \$15,255,000 2003 Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (San Diego Old Town Light Rail Transit Extension Refunding), dated May 20, 2003 and maturing on June 1 in the years 2004 through 2023, both inclusive. The Trustees is Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Los Angeles, California. (20872BE)

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