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Re: TCW Group, Inc.'s ("TCW Group") Notice of Arbitration Pursuant to the
Central America – Dominican Republic – United States Free Trade Agreement
("CAFTA-DR")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My firm represents TCW Group, the Claimant in the above-referenced matter.

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In accordance with the terms of CAFTA-DR, I enclose TCW Group's Notice of Arbitration and Statement of Claim, as well as a copy of relevant portions of CAFTA-DR.

Pursuant to Articles 5 and 7 of the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law that govern this arbitration, the Dominican Republic must appoint its party-appointed arbitrator no later than Monday, 21 January 2008.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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