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Andritz-Ahlstrom Inc.
101 Ridge Center
Glens Falls, NY 12801-3686

August 2, 2000

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CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
Room N-5644
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: The Andritz-Ahlstrom Inc. Equitable
Executive Pension Benefits Plan

Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with Department of Labor Regulations §2520.104-23(b), we hereby submit the following information:

1. Name and address of Employer: Andritz-Ahlstrom Inc.
101 Ridge Center
Glens Falls, New York 12801-3686
2. Employer Identification Number: 14-143 8713
3. Number of Top Hat Plans: 1
4. Initial Number of Employees in the Plan: 7
5. Purpose of Plan: Andritz-Ahlstrom Inc. maintains the Andritz-Ahlstrom Inc. Equitable Executive Pension Benefits Plan for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

Sincerely,


Plan Administrator

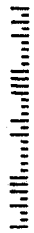
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