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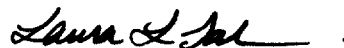
Subject: Statement of Alternative Method of Compliance for Top Hat Plans
EPC, P.S.
Our Reference No. 710060.0001

Dear Sir or Madam:

We have enclosed a Statement of Alternative Method of Compliance for Top Hat Plans pursuant to 29 CFR § 2520.104-23 for your records.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,



Laura L. Takasumi

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STATEMENT OF ALTERNATIVE METHOD
OF COMPLIANCE FOR TOP HAT PLANS
PURSUANT TO 29 CFR § 2520.104-23

NAME: EPC, P.S.
ADDRESS: 602 N.E. 92nd Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98665
Employer Identification No.: 91-1267648

The employer maintains one plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees. Seven employees are participants in the plan.

A copy of the plan document will be provided upon request.

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