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

Re: Spartan Stores, Inc. Supplemental Executive Savings Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are writing on behalf of our client, Spartan Stores, Inc. Our client recently established an additional unfunded pension plan for a select group of management or other highly compensated employees (a "top hat" plan). The new plan is effective as of January 1, 2002.

Pursuant to Department of Labor regulations Section 2520.104-23, we are supplying the following information to you:

1. Employer's name and address:

Spartan Stores, Inc.
850 - 76th Street, SW
P.O. Box 8700
Grand Rapids, MI 49518

2. Employer's EIN: 38-0593940

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3. Spartan Stores, Inc. maintains a plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or other highly compensated employees.

4. The name of the new plan is the Spartan Stores, Inc. Supplemental Executive Savings Plan. The plan currently has 56 participants.

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

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this filing or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

MILLER, JOHNSON, SNELL & CUMMISKEY, P.L.C.

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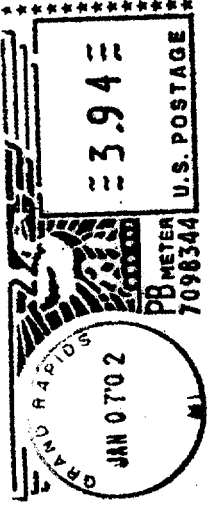
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