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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: Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. Partnership Participation Rights Program

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the administrator of the Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. Partnership Participation Rights Program and pursuant to the provisions of Department of Labor regulations at 29 C.F.R. Sec. 2520.104-23, you are hereby notified that the employer named in item (1) below maintains a plan (as identified in item (2) below) primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation to a select group of management or highly compensated employees. Item (3) below sets forth the number of such plans maintained and the approximate number of participants in the plan as of the date of this letter.

Item (1): Brandes Investment Partners, L.P.
11988 El Camino Real, Suite 500
San Diego, California 92130
EIN: 33-0704072

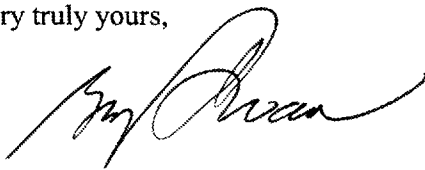
Item (2): Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. Partnership Participation Rights Program

Item (3): Number of Plans Maintained: 1

Number of Participants: 38

If you have any questions or need additional information or documentation regarding this filing, please call me at 858-755-0239

Very truly yours,



Gary Iwamura
Financial Resources Officer

cc: Janine B. Jasso, E&Y -Los Angeles

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