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Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc.

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July 24, 1998

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Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to file a statement with the Secretary of Labor in accordance with Department of Labor Regulation 2520.104-23 which provides for an exemption from the reporting and disclosure provisions of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, for certain pension plans.

The name, address and identification number for Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. are as follows:

7401 S. Cicero Ave.
Chicago, IL 60629

Employer ID# 22-1318955

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The Employer adopted as Amended and Restated on June 8, 1998 the Tootsie Roll Industries, Inc. Career Achievement Plan (the "Plan") primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of its management or highly compensated employees (and it currently maintains two other such plans). The Plan is effective January 1, 1997. As of the date of this letter, five employees participate in the Plan.

If you have any questions or require additional information in connection with this letter, please contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,



Barry Bowen
Treasurer

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