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March 30, 2004

Ms. Michelle Sims
Board of Governors of the
Federal Reserve System
Division of Banking Supervision
and Regulation
Surveillance Section
Mail Stop 198
Washington, DC 20551



Dear Ms. Sims:

Enclosed are two copies of the following examination letter report conducted by examiners for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York:

Name Start Date

Citigroup, Inc.

September 8, 2003

Target Area: Credit and Risk Review

Please acknowledge receipt of these enclosures by signing and returning the attached copy of this letter in the envelope provided.

Sincerely

Joan Johnson Supervisor

Examination Process Support

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February 4, 2004

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Mr. Douglas Peterson Chief Auditor Audit and Risk Review Citigroup, Inc. 399 Park Avenue, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10043



Copy for Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Examiners from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York recently completed an examination of Audit and Risk Review's (ARR) corporate finance function. The purpose of the review was to evaluate ARR's ability to objectively assess corporate credit risk controls and highlight emerging issues within the CIB and International businesses. More specifically, the review covered the following areas:

- Business monitoring practices, including plan development, collection of information and the use of monitoring results in developing the Risk Appraisal Profile and Tailored Review Program;
- Processes for testing key credit risk controls including risk rating assignments, due diligence and problem recognition and;
- Independence and competence of staff and the role of the Global Credit Liaison.

Based on the scope of this review, ARR's corporate finance function is considered effective, reflecting well-developed processes that adequately identify and elevate credit risk and control concerns. Tailored review programs and control test steps are sufficiently rigorous to observe the functioning of existing corporate credit risk management practices. In addition, the role of the Global Credit Liaison is instrumental in providing a consistent approach to assessing the significance of business issues identified during audit reviews and in focusing attention on prospective credit concerns within the businesses. Moreover, the Monthly Credit Circle meetings provide an effective forum for developing a consensus view on topics such as business issues and risk condition materiality.

The issues presented below are broader business challenges which management will need to assess to ensure that the credit review methodology continues to be executed effectively.



Mr. Douglas Peterson February 4, 2004

Business Monitoring



Audit management's focus on linking information gained from business monitoring with the functioning of credit risk controls within the tailored review program is an important aspect to gaining maximum efficiency from business monitoring efforts. However, we noted during the review that current approaches for documenting business monitoring practices vary to some degree across lead reviewers. A more consistent presentation of business monitoring plans across lead reviewers would assist in clearly documenting that business monitoring practices are focused on the appropriate business risks and key risk controls.

Corporate Finance Staff

The Corporate Finance staff is experienced and possesses the necessary skills to assess business risks and the performance of credit risk controls within the businesses. The mixture of both previous audit and prior business experience provides the staff with a broader and more valuable perspective to assess the performance of risk controls and business practices. Given staff mobility and the reliance placed on the lead reviewer's judgement in assessing risks and controls, the continuing challenge for management is to maintain appropriate staffing levels and work quality in order to meet the requirements of ARR's review methodology.

Please provide us with a written response to the matters presented above within 45 days of the receipt of this letter. In closing, we wish to note that this letter contains confidential bank examination material and should be treated accordingly by your organization. As such, the contents of this letter are subject to the rules of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System regarding disclosure of confidential supervisory information. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Glen Reppy at (212) 720-2142 or myself at (212) 720-2164.

Sincerely,

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