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Mr. Jeffrey Lowden
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Re: authenticity Nativity Stones

Dear Mr. Lowden,

The present is to definitively certify and remove any doubt with regards to the authenticity of the "Nativity Stones" utilized by your homonymous company in the production of commercial merchandise.

As your attorney and advocate practicing in the Courts of the Vatican City State, I closely followed the entire approval process for the concession of the Jubilee Logo to Nativity Stones, L.P.

Before concession to use the Jubilee Logo was granted to Nativity Stones, LP. by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of the Holy Land, General Secretariat of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, the "Nativity Stones" were the object of scrupulous and attentive study. The competent offices of the Vatican posed a *conditio sine qua non* that the "Nativity Stones" are: 1) authentic (originating from the site of the Nativity of Jesus Christ); 2) not to be considered a sacred relic.

The above stated requisites were ascertained and established, based on the documentation provided by Nativity Stones, LP., and the results of diligent inquiries carried out by offices for the Central Committee for the Grand Jubilee of the Year 2000. Point in fact, with a letter of July 30, 1999, Prot. N. 7894/99, the General Secretary of the Central Committee for the Grand Jubilee of the Year 2000, Bishop Crescenzo Sepe declares: "*Resta, ovviamente, inteso e confermato che l'oggetto [the Nativity Stone] non è una reliquia e non contiene alcun significato sacrale*".

The authenticity and origin of the "Nativity Stones" was reconfirmed by the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of the Holy Land, General Secretariat of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, as signatory party of the License Agreement granting use of the Jubilee Logo.

The authenticity and origin of each "Nativity Stone" is further stated and guaranteed by the certificate attached to each item of merchandise which includes a stone.

The authenticity and origin of the "Nativity Stones" was first irrefutably established by virtue of a signed and sealed declaration given in writing June 1, 1964, by the Mayor of Bethlehem Elias B. Bandah.

Since 1964 the authenticity and origin of the "Nativity Stones" has been repeatedly confirmed, ultimately with the concession of the use of the Jubilee Logo on the items produced by Nativity Stones LP, adorned with a stone from the cave of the Nativity. The authenticity and origin of the "Nativity Stones" is thereby *in re ipsa* confirmed by the very same concession of use of the Jubilee Logo.

In faith,

Alan Robert Kershaw