January 16, 1998

Mr. George D. Andrews
President
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5614 Heiser
Houston, Texas 77087

Re: Plating Facility
Houston, Harris County

Dear Mr. Andrews:

This is in response to your letter received November 12, 1997, concerning the proposed cadmium tank, phosphate tank, zinc tank, and silver tank at 5614 Heiser, Houston, Harris County. After evaluation of the information which you have furnished, we have determined that your project is exempt from the permit procedures under 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 106.375 if constructed and operated as described in your letter. We understand that these aqueous solutions will be used for electrolytic and electroless processes. Since some compounds emitted by your facility may be subject to Title III, Hazardous Air Pollutants, it may be necessary for you to more specifically quantify your emission rates. Emission factors for electroplating processes are located in AP-42 chapter 12.20 (July 1996 edition).

This exemption was authorized by the Executive Director of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) pursuant to 30 TAC Chapter 106. A copy of the exemption in effect at the time of this determination is enclosed. You must operate in accordance with all requirements of the enclosed exemption.

You are reminded that regardless of whether a permit is required, these facilities must be in compliance with all rules and regulations of the TNRCC and of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at all times.

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If you have any questions concerning this exemption, please contact Mr. Thomas G. Weinheimer of our New Source Review Permits Division at (512) 239-1583.

Sincerely,

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New Source Review Permits Division
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Orbie Ratcliff, Air Section Manager, Houston
Mr. Manuel Aguirre, P.E., Chief, Bureau of Air Quality Control, Health and Human Services Department, Houston
Mr. Rob Barrett, Director, Harris County Pollution Control Department, Pasadena

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