August 22, 1997

Mr. John Jameson Environmental Manager Toshiba International Corporation 13131 West Little York Road Houston, Texas 77041

Re: Melt/Hold Furnaces: FF-3 and FF-4 Houston, Harris County Account ID No. HG-1005-W

Dear Mr. Jameson:

This is in response to your PI-7 received on July 11, 1997 concerning the proposed Melt/Hold Furnaces FF-3 and FF-4. After evaluation of the information which you have furnished, we have determined that your projects are exempt from the permit procedures under 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 106.183 if constructed and operated as described in your application.

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. Matthew R. Baker of our New Source Review Permits Division at (512) 239-1091.

Sincerely,

James E. Crocker, P.E. Manager, Coatings and Combustion Section New Source Review Permits Division Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Karen Atkinson, Assistant Regional Manager, Houston

Mr. Rob Barrett, Director, Harris County Pollution Control Department, Pasadena

Mr. Manuel Aguirre, P.E., Chief, Bureau of Air Quality Control, Health and Human Services Department, Houston

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