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Gary Nelson Southeastern Metal, Inc. 115 Hazel Path Drive, Suite #3 Hendersonville, TN 37075

Re: TRAKLOC Non-Load Bearing/Non-Composite

Interior Wall Stud System

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Department has reviewed the technical information as well as structural test report regarding your product TRACKLOC Steel Framing. TRACKLOC product as you have mentioned seems extremely innovative – requires no screws or fastener of any type, allows for infinite positioning of studs in track, no cutting is required to vary wall heights – and saves significant labor time in its assemblage. It was noted that test specimen has been evaluated in accordance with ASTM E330-97, standard test method for structural performance of exterior windows, curtain walls, and doors by uniform static air pressure difference.

I am of the opinion that your product meets the intent of the New York City Building Code and will be accepted in the Steel Framing in <u>non-structural</u>, <u>non-composite</u> and <u>non-fire rated</u> wall assembly subject to controlled inspection as specified in the New York City Building Code Section 27-132(a).

The controlled inspector shall make certain:

- 1. The framing components are labeled or accompanied by a certification signed by a Professional Engineer or Registered Architect attesting to their compliance with test standards,
- 2. The framing components are properly sized and without structural defects,
- 3. The supporting structure is properly aligned and within the designed tolerances,
- 4. Horizontal and vertical movement joints have been provided.

Should you have any further questions please contact me at (212) 566-3258.

Sincerely,

Manher Shah, P.E. Executive Engineer

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