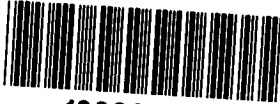


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The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, MFA FINANCIAL, INC., 7.50% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on April 15, 2013. Tentative listing date – April 18, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Parasand Madho".