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Dr. Lukacs,

Further to our telephone conversation yesterday morning and your request for a copy of the Agency's decision granting an exemption to NewLeaf Travel Company Inc. (NewLeaf) from the licensing requirements of the Canada Transportation Act, I can confirm that the Agency has not, in fact, issued an exemption or any other decision with respect to NewLeaf at this time. Rather, in the context of the emergence of this new business model and a discussion between the Panel assigned to the NewLeaf matter and Agency staff, the Panel instructed staff to conduct broad consultations with industry as expeditiously as possible to inform the Agency's consideration of this new model. At this same meeting, the Agency Chair, acting in his capacity as CEO, also instructed staff to not seek a licence application from NewLeaf and other companies like it pending the completion of this consultation and the issuance of an Agency decision on the issue, provided they met three criteria. These criteria were detailed in my email to you of Friday, January 15, 2016.

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