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Name: Jeffrey H. Palmer
Title: Vice President - Operations
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Signature, Place, and Date of Signing

Jeffrey H. Palmer Cleveland, Ohio 01/12/2013

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Report Summary:

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List of Other Included Managers:

NONE

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