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Dear Dr. Kevala:

As requested by your office, the Beverage Institute for Health & Wellness (BIHW) is agreeable to providing another extension for our health claim petition entitled, "Authorization of a health claim for vitamin D and/or calcium and reduced risk of osteoporosis" for approximately three months. This extension would make the new date for publication January 18, 2007.

The BIHW is an organization within The Coca-Cola Company that sponsors research on the role of beverages in maintaining good health.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything the BIHW can do to help expedite resolution of this petition.

Sincerely,

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