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**SUBJECT: Aligned Fiber Composites-DURADEK I-6000 Fiberglass Grating**

**Mr. B. Nelson, P.E.**  
Industrial Product Manager  
Aligned Fiber Composites  
1610 Highway 52 South  
Chatfield, MN 55923-9799

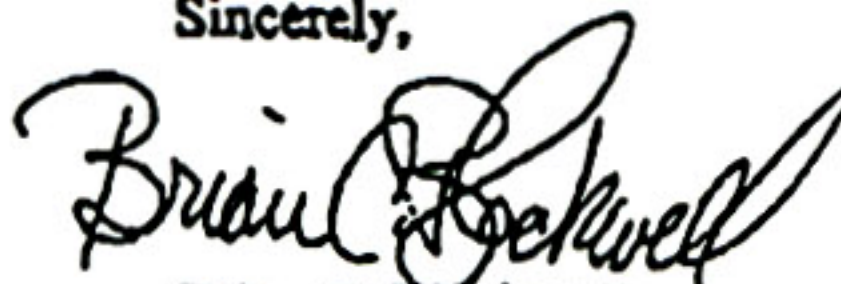
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Dear Mr. Nelson:

Please refer to your request for approval of subject grating. Based on a review of the test results provided under cover of Mr. F. Hirsch's July 23, 1996 letter and information provided in your December 30, 1996 letter, please be advised that the subject grating is hereby approved in accordance with Section C, Specification S-226. Please provide semi-annual performance reports in order that the Committee may monitor this new approval.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202)639-2148 or by E-mail at [BBLACKWE@LMS.AAR.ORG](mailto:BBLACKWE@LMS.AAR.ORG).

Sincerely,

  
Brian C. Blackwell

cc: Car Performance Working Committee  
F. Hirsch