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Reference: File No. 1959 - Neighborhood Impact - Sound Study Soho Beach Hotel 4385 Collins Avenue Miami Beach, Florida 33140

Dear Mr. Belush,

In this report, I am providing details on my inspection of the sound system at Soho Beach Hotel. This inspection was intended to determine whether any changes have been made to the system that might concern its performance or manner in which it could affect neighboring properties. A copy of the original sound system layout and number of speakers is attached for review.

Specifically, I've addressed the modifications which relate to the expansion of Mandolin restaurant in the rear yard. Soho Beach proposes an increase in seating at Mandolin in the rear yard from 28 to 72 seats. All other venues are remaining the same as originally approved.

On Monday, July 18, I conducted a site survey at the Soho Beach Hotel to assess the sound systems on all floors. I was accompanied by Rene Pereda, the hotel's AV/IT Manager. The only differences between the original design documents and the current loudspeaker inventory were found in the Mandolin restaurant. Mr. Pereda and I first visited the Mandolin restaurant and assessed the system located there. The loudspeakers originally intended in the Tiki Bar apparently failed due to weather exposure so they were removed sometime back. Six Bose FreeSpace 360 II in-ground loudspeakers have been installed to replace these with three located on either side of the dining area. In addition, two small QSC loudspeaker are mounted on the bar framework facing north into the restaurant. All of these loudspeakers are attached to the same password controlled main system electronics as all other areas. The system was playing at a very low background sound level and it could not be heard beyond the space's perimeter. There is no reason to expect that this will present any additional impact on neighboring properties.

The remaining outdoor spaces were then visited, including A) the 2nd floor Club Bar restaurant which overlooks the pool deck and B) the 8th floor bar and pool deck. All of the existing loudspeakers in these two areas are those shown on the design document with the exception of some seen in the Club Bar. Apparently the original loudspeakers in that area deteriorated some time back and were replaced with small column type devices that are shown on page three. These newer loudspeakers have also deteriorated to the point where they no longer work. Mr. Pereda indicated that









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they were scheduled to be replaced but he was not certain as to when that will occur.

We also inspected the electronic components which control and power the various systems and found they are also still configured as per the original specification. Sound levels are controlled and password protected as before. Based on my recent observations, I do not expect that there will be any change in sound level performance at this property. Therefore, we can presume that no violations of noise impact on neighboring properties will occur.

I welcome questions from interested parties and would be happy to meet with you or one of your staff to review site conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Soho Beach Hotel Site Photographs









System Electronics and Controls



Club Bar



View of Pool Deck from Mandolin restaurant









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Original loudspeakers installed at Tiki Bar





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Original loudspeakers installed at Tiki Bar



Bose FreeSpace 360 II in-ground loudspeakers newly installed





Soho Beach Hotel Site Photographs





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October 13, 2010

Richard G. Lorber Acting Planning Director 1700 Convention Center Drive Miami Beach, FL 33139

Reference: Soho Beach House Sound System Final Inspection Report

Dear Mr. Lorber,

On September 27, 2010, I conducted a final inspection of the sound system at Soho Beach House to confirm its compliance with previously submitted specifications and the City of Miami Beach's Noise Ordinance.

Areas included in my inspection included the ground-level Courtyard, Pool Deck and Tiki Bar, the second floor Terrace Lounge and the eighth floor Pool Deck and Bar. Sound levels along the ground floor property line were limited to about 65 dBA, making them essentially inaudible at the Sheraton Four Points, the only property with potential exposure to sound from the Soho Beach House at ground level. Throughout the Courtyard, Pool Deck and upper Terrace Lounge, sound levels averaged 70 to 75 dBA, consistent with preventing music from being heard off-property.

Sound levels on the Rooftop were below measurability due to windy conditions. Suffice it to say that the music levels were very low and will not intrude on the neighboring properties to the north and south of Soho Beach House.

Based on my inspection of the system, it is my professional opinion that the Soho Beach House's sound system fully complies with the performance criteria originally set forth in the design documents. The loudspeaker layout, spacing and orientation are consistent with my original recommendations and all electronic components are adjusted to ensure that predetermined sound level limits cannot be exceeded.

In summary, the system complies with the City of Miami Beach's Noise Ordinance and will perform at intended sound levels.

I welcome any questions you may have concerning the system and my inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

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Measurements gathered during September 27, 2010 Survey

NOTE: Curve labeled "Bar early" where wind noise skewed data, masking music











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