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May 19, 2009

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ARDYTH WALKER STAFF GENERAL COUNSEL Vydesh Ramjit MARLIN MOTORS, INC. 10716 SW 188th St. Miami, FL 33157

Via First Class Mail

Re: INQ 09-77 Registering as a County Vendor

Dear Mr. Ramjit:

In correspondence to our office on May 18, 2009, you said that you wish to register your company, MARLIN MOTORS, INC., as a County vendor.

The facts as we understand them are as follows:

- Your wife, Darshanie Ramjit, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Elections Department as an Administrative Secretary.
- MARLIN MOTORS, INC., is a business partially owned by you and in which you serve as President.
- MARLIN MOTORS, INC., is an auto vehicle body repair shop.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that MARLIN MOTORS, INC., may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your wife's duties to the County. This includes the condition that Darshanie Ramjit will not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of her responsibilities will require her to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, your wife may not be employed by any County department or agency that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract. Therefore, as long as your wife, Darshanie Ramjit, is employed by the Miami-Dade County Elections Department, your company may not contract with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department.

If any of the facts you have presented change, or if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,

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