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Mr. Mark Rakip
Staff Accountant
Division of Corporation Finance
Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
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Re: Your letter to Mr. Scott Krenz dated 22 December 2008
Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.
Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2007
Filed February 28, 2008
Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2008
Filed November 4, 2008
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A
Filed April 21, 2008
File No. 0-25837

Dear Mr. Rakip:

This letter will confirm our conversation on Monday, 22 December 2008 wherein you agreed on behalf of the SEC's Division of Corporation Finance to extend the time by which HSII will have to respond to the comment letter referenced above until Friday 16 January 2009.

Thank you for your professionalism. I look forward to providing the Commission with our response and to working with you going forward.

Sincerely,

/s/ K. Steven Blake

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