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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Request for Grace Period for Submitting 2010 Sustainability Report

The purpose of this letter is to request a Grace Period for submission of Nexen Inc.'s 2010 Sustainability Report. Preparation of our report has taken longer this year because we have undertaken a different format of report, and are supplementing the written report with substantial information on our Environmental and Social Governance activities on our external website. This process has taken longer than expected.

We are in the final stages of preparing our report, and will be pleased to submit it in August or September of this year.

I would like to thank you in advance for the extension of the reporting period, and look forward to submitting our report.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (403) 699-6730.

Best regards,

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