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March 11, 2005

Mr. Kern Grimes
Grimes Oil
29 Catawba Street
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Dear Mr. Grimes

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Grimes Oil has been selected to receive a special award as The Gillette Company's Diverse Supplier of the Year in calendar year 2004, in conjunction with our annual Omnimark Awards Banquet.

The Supplier Diversity Initiative is a key initiative at Gillette. This is the first year that Gillette is recognizing an outstanding diverse supplier. You and your associates should be extremely proud of the performance you provided last year in quality, customer service, cost competitiveness, and continuous improvement. We thank you sincerely, recognizing that Gillette cannot excel in quality and service to our customers without outstanding suppliers such as Grimes Oil.

In order to personally show our appreciation; we are excited to extend an invitation for up to three representatives from your company to attend the annual Gillette Omnimark Awards banquet, to be held here in Boston. The representatives from your company are invited to meet with Gillette's management for cocktails and dinner. We sincerely hope you can attend.

The Awards Banquet will be held at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum on Thursday, April 28, 2005. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 P.M. in the reception area. Business attire is required.

We have enclosed the following invitation form, plaque form, & directions. Please return the completed forms via fax to Tony Cedrone at 617-421-8002 by March 25th.

Thanks again, and see you on April 28th

Sincerely,

Uldis Sipols
Vice President Global Procurement