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February 1, 2017

City of Milwaukee
Administrative Review and Appeals Board
Office of the City Clerk
City Hall Room 205
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are requesting an appeals hearing to contest the refusal to recertify Sonag Company Inc in the SBE Certification program.

We do not agree with the findings to deny our recertification.

Please let us know if there is anything further we need to provide and when the hearing will be.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian L Ganos
President

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February 14, 2017

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To Whom It May Concern:

We have previously filed a request for an appeal hearing related to the City's notification dated January 24, 2017, that our SBE certification was terminated. The City has requested a more detailed explanation as to our request for an appeal. While we are unaware of any requirement that we provided a detailed reason for our appeal, we are providing the same. Nothing herein should be construed to limit any grounds for appeal that we might raise at the hearing. We are requesting an appeal hearing to contest the refusal to recertify Sonag Company Inc in the SBE Certification program.

We do not agree with the findings used to deny our recertification. The letter from Nikki Purvis, Manager of the Department of Administration for the City of Milwaukee, states we were denied based on "information obtained from the Application for a Search Warrant relative to Case No. 16-M-099 which includes sworn testimony provided by Special Agent, Suzanne Humeniak." This was the only reason provided for denial of our recertification. We maintain that the City has failed to establish adequate grounds to deny the recertification of Sonag Company, Inc. and maintain that the decision was improper for reasons including but not limited to the following:

- a. The City has cited an Application for Search Warrant and accompanying affidavit, without specifying any information contained in those documents that would demonstrate that Sonag Company, Inc. does not meet the applicable standards for SBE certification;
- b. Sonag Company, Inc. was never provided an opportunity to respond or rebut any of the information apparently relied upon by the City.
- c. No party has been charged with any criminal activity, and none of the allegations of Special Agent Suzanne Humeniak have been determined or proven in any proceeding.

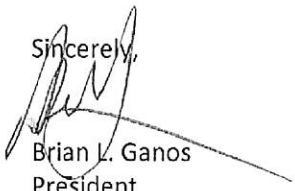
- d. Sonag Company, Inc. timely submitted its request for recertification on October 24, 2016, and the City allowed the existing certification to lapse without taking timely action on Sonag Company, Inc.'s application, which has damaged Sonag Company, Inc. by failing to allow Sonag Company, Inc. to appeal the City's determination while preserving its then current certification.

We trust that this further explanation is sufficient. We request that you schedule a hearing as soon as possible to prevent further damages to Sonag Company, Inc.

Please let us know if we can provide any additional information and advise as to the first available date for the appeal hearing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Brian L. Ganos
President



Department of Administration
Office of Small Business Development

Tom Barrett
Mayor

Sharon Robinson
Director of Administration

Nikki Purvis
Manager

January 24, 2017

VIA E-MAIL (lorim@sonag.com)

Mr. Brian Ganos
Sonag Company, Inc.
5510 West Florist Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53218

Dear Mr. Ganos:

Thank you for your recent application pursuing Small Business Enterprise (SBE) recertification with the City of Milwaukee. After a thorough review of your application I regret to inform you that the Office of Small Business Development (OSBD) is unable to certify **Sonag Company, Inc.** as a Small Business Enterprise.

Based on information obtained from the Application for a Search Warrant relative to Case No: 16-M-099 which includes sworn testimony provided by Special Agent Suzanne Humeniak, **Sonag Company, Inc.** is being barred from certification with the City of Milwaukee's Small Business Enterprise program for a period of three (3) calendar years from the date of this letter.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Appeals should be filed with the Administrative Review and Appeals Board, Office of the City Clerk, City Hall Room 205, 200 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Please call (414) 286-2221 for further instructions. A \$25 fee is required when filing this appeal.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact me at (414) 286-5948.

Sincerely,

Nikki Purvis
Manager

Cc: Patrick McClain, Assistant City Attorney
Certification file

Receipt of A.R.A.B. Appeal Fee

Date:	2/14/17
Received Of:	Brian Ganos
For SBE Certification of:	Sonag Company, Inc.
Received By:	LME
Check # (If Applicable):	35553
Amount Received	\$25.00