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**Re: New Technology Variance for Lift-U/Hogan Mtg. VMH Accesstair
NTV 18-01**

Dear Mr. Alves,

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (the Department) is pleased to inform you that your New Technology Variance request to install *Lift-U/Hogan Mtg VMH Accesstair* is approved.

The approval is based upon the New Technology Variance Application and supporting documentation submitted to the Department on February 23, 2018. Any deviations (i.e. in manufacturing, installation, or advances in technology) from the original NTV application and supporting documentation nullifies this approval and can only be considered upon submittal of another New Technology Variance.

Approval of the New Technology Variance is based on the *ASME A18.1 – 2005* edition of the *Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chairlifts*, which is the currently adopted standard in Texas. This variance approval is granted allowing exceptions to equipment not currently covered in the adopted standard. The "stairway" portion of the equipment must comply with the requirements of the locally adopted building code for stairway construction and stairway live loads.

- **EXAMPLE: IBC 2015, Sections 1009, 1607, and Table 1607.1(Item 30)**

The New Technology Variance approval is also subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Each Accesstair installation or alteration using this technology must comply with the locally adopted building code for the "stairway" portion and ASME A18.1-2005
2. A copy of the variance, variance approval letter, and plan review (including the actual date of installation or alteration) must be maintained in the Maintenance Control Program for the life of the equipment or until such time as the product meets all of the adopted standards in Texas.
3. The applicant must ensure a written report of all incidents and accidents on any equipment that has incorporated this new technology is provided to TDLR within 24 hours of occurrence.

This approval is based on Lift-U/Hogan Mtg. supplying all new installations, purchasing building owners, licensed elevator contractors maintaining the equipment, and registered elevator inspectors with the necessary information regarding product specific maintenance and testing procedures for the Accesstair Lift, including the retractable stairway portion of the lift.

This approval shall apply to all new installations and alterations anywhere in the State of Texas, except the City of Houston. Consideration for approval must be requested directly from the City of Houston.

This approval by the Department shall remain in effect unless revoked. A copy of this approval will be made available to all registered inspectors and elevator personnel. Inspectors shall be informed that the requirements covered by the above variance are not to be cited on any inspection reports. No waivers or delays will be required.

If you agree with the conditions and terms contained in this approval letter, please so indicate by signing and dating a copy of this letter and returning it to the Department. If we can be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Jim Muman
Chief Elevator Inspector
Business and Building Section
Compliance Division - TDLR

Accepted by the Applicant:

 EMR 4/5/2018
Signature of EMR Date

 - Lift-U 4/4/18
Signature of Lift/U Date

RODRIGO ALVES /
Printed Names Date