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October 31, 2008

VIA COURIER

Terrence Sullivan, Ph.D., President and CEO
Cancer Care Ontario
620 University Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Dr. Sullivan:

**RE: Review of the Practices and Procedures of Cancer Care Ontario
in respect of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Registry**

Pursuant to subsection 13(2) of Regulation 329/04 of the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* ("the *Act*"), my office is responsible for reviewing the practices and procedures implemented by each prescribed person to protect the privacy of individuals whose personal health information it receives and to protect the confidentiality of that information.

The practices and procedures of Cancer Care Ontario in respect of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Registry, a prescribed person within the meaning of the *Act*, were initially approved on May 1, 2008. However, as you are aware, in order to synchronize the timing of the reviews of all the prescribed persons under the *Act*, this approval only remained in effect until October 30, 2008. Cancer Care Ontario was requested to submit new and revised practices and procedures in respect of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Registry to my office prior to September 1, 2008, in order to obtain the continued approval of its practices and procedures.

Based on a review of the practices and procedures submitted, I am satisfied that Cancer Care Ontario in respect of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Registry continues to have practices and procedures in place for sufficiently protecting the privacy of individuals whose personal health information it receives and for sufficiently maintaining the confidentiality of that information.

Accordingly, effective October 31, 2008, I am pleased to advise that the practices and procedures of Cancer Care Ontario in respect of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Registry continue to be approved for a further three-year period.

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In addition to the recommendations made in the report summarizing the practices and procedures of Cancer Care Ontario in respect of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Registry dated May 2008, it is also recommended that Cancer Care Ontario in respect of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Registry develop and implement a strategy for addressing the risks identified in the threat and risk assessment conducted by Cygnos I.T. Security in July 2008, prior to the next legislated review of its practices and procedures.

I would like to extend my gratitude to you and your staff for the cooperation provided during the course of the review, including your diligence and timeliness in submitting the requested documentation and in responding to requests by my office for further information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Cavoukian', written over a horizontal line.

Ann Cavoukian, Ph.D.
Commissioner

Attach.

cc: Pamela Spencer, VP Corporate Affairs, General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer