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Mr. John Sweeney
President
AFL-CIO

VIA FACSIMILE

Dear Mr. Sweeney,

Unfortunately, I am out of town on Monday, July 29th. If your schedule permits, I am available on July 31. Please contact Claudia Nelson at 860-827-3922, if this date works for you.

Among the topics I would like to discuss are actions to assure that Stanley is not taxed at a higher rate than its competitors Ingersoll-Rand and Cooper Tools. These two companies have recently expatriated and now have a significant competitive advantage.

Obviously another potential topic is the hotly contested Congressional race in Connecticut. While we are not in a position to endorse either Rep. Maloney or Rep. Johnson, our preference is for Rep. Thomas' international tax reform package, but only if it utilizes a September 11 effective date. We cannot support any moratorium or other proposal that allows Coopers or Ingersoll Rand to gain a permanent, legislated advantage.

I look forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Yours truly,

John Trani

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The Stanley Works, its officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from shareowners in favor of the reincorporation. Information about the directors and executive officers and ownership of stock is set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus relating to the annual meeting of The Stanley Works contained in the Form S-4 of The Stanley Works, Ltd. filed with the SEC on April 2, 2002.