

April 12, 2005

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Thank you for your interest in the HI-STORM 100 cask system. If you have any further questions concerning your request, please contact Ms. McCausland at (301) 415-6219.

Sincerely,

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