

Mail Stop 3561

December 15, 2009

Ms. Diane S. Button
Chief Executive Officer
Cactus Ventures, Inc.
251 Jeanell Dr.,
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Carson City, NV 89703

**Re: Cactus Ventures, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Filed February 20, 2009
Form 10-Q for Quarter Ended March 31, 2009
Filed May 13, 2009
Form 10-Q for Quarter Ended June 30, 2009
Filed August 11, 2009
Form 10-Q for Quarter Ended September 30, 2009
Filed November 12, 2009
File No. 000-52446**

Dear Ms. Button:

We issued comments to you on the above captioned filing(s) on November 13, 2009. As of the date of this letter, these comments remain outstanding and unresolved. We expect you to contact us by December 30, 2009 to provide a substantive response to these comments or to advise us why you are unable to respond and when you will be able to do so.

If you do not respond to the outstanding comments or contact us by December 30, 2009, we will, consistent with our obligations under the federal securities laws, decide how we will seek to resolve material outstanding comments and complete our review of your filings and your disclosure. Among other things, we may decide to release publicly, through the agency's EDGAR system, all correspondence, including this letter, relating to the review of your filing(s), consistent with the staff's decision to release publicly comment letters and response letters relating to disclosure filings it has reviewed. You can find more information about the staff's decision to release filing correspondence at <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2004-89.htm> and <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2005-72.htm>

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You may contact Raj Rajan, Senior Staff Accountant, at 202-551-3388 or Brian K. Bhandari, Branch Chief, at 202-551-3390 if you have questions

Sincerely,

Tia Jenkins
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Office of Beverages, Apparel and
Health Care Services