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Dear Sirs

**Steel Services Limited -v- rs**  
**Claim No. WL 203537**  
**Flat ■ Jefferson House Basil Street London**

We are instructed by the Tenth Defendants in the above proceedings. We enclose a copy of the acknowledgement of service form we are filing with the West London County Court.

Please note our clients intend to defend all of this claim. We are, in addition, surprised that proceedings have been issued at West London County Court whilst consideration of your client's claim is currently before the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal. We have written to you concerning this, most recently under cover of our letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2002. We are disappointed not to have received a response to that letter. We will refer to this correspondence to the court on the question of the costs of proceedings.

As you will be aware, section 31C of the Landlord & Tenant Act 1985 concerns resolution of service charge disputes (amongst other disputes) in the LVT. Please confirm that you will arrange for the proceedings issued at West London County Court to be suspended pending resolution of the issues before the LVT. Alternatively confirm that the County Court proceedings will be transferred to the LVT for resolution at the same time. Should you not take either of the above steps we will advise our clients of their right to make the necessary application to West London County Court, including an application that your client's proceedings be struck out as an abuse of process. Our clients will recover the costs of any such application.



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