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General Atomics EMS  
3550 General Atomics Court  
San Diego, CA 92121-1122

**RE: Grant of License to Operate a Private, Space-Based, Remote Sensing System**

Dear Mr. Correa:

I am pleased to enclose a license for General Atomics EMS, (herein, the Licensee) to operate a remote sensing satellite system designated as "LINCS." The license application was subject to a thorough interagency review.

The operational specifications approved in the license are based on current and expected national security, foreign policy and commercial conditions. Should these conditions change over the life of the mission, the Licensee may request to have the operational specifications of the license amended pursuant to the regulations. *See* 15 CFR Part 960.7.

Please keep in mind the Licensee must notify NOAA promptly of any changes to information provided to NOAA and relied upon in issuing this license. The Licensee must also provide to NOAA additional information (launch vehicle, launch location, launch date, foreign owners, foreign lenders, space segment details, grounds station details, etc.) immediately upon determination via a standard license amendment application.

In accordance with 15 CFR § 960.8, the Licensee must notify NOAA of any significant or substantial foreign agreements that the Licensee intends to enter into no less than 60 days prior to entering into such agreements.

In accordance with 15 CFR § 960.5, the Licensee must provide a publicly-releasable summary of the licensed System within 30 days of the license issuance.

You are encouraged to engage early with the Combined Space Operating Center (CSpOC) to exchange information and establish formal communication channels prior to launch. This would allow the CSpOC to provide an assessment of how to support your mission and provide recommendations on how to best to achieve mission success. Email: [cspoc.ssasharing@us.af.mil](mailto:cspoc.ssasharing@us.af.mil)



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This license is for the LINCOS system and not for any other system, present or future. The issuance of this license does not indicate a commitment by any U.S. Government agency to purchase data or products from the system.

This NOAA license is not an export authorization, and does not satisfy any requirement for Licensee to obtain appropriate export authorizations from the Department of State.

Please refer any questions regarding this license approval to Tahara D. Dawkins, Director, NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs at 301-713-3385.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Volz Ph. D.  
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Satellite and Information Services

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