

Nature of Request and Public Interest Statement

By the instant application (“Application”), Commission consent is sought to the assignment of the following experimental authorities (the “Stations”) from BAE Systems Information and Electronic Systems Integration Inc. (“BAE Systems”) to Sensor and Antenna Systems, Lansdale, Inc. (“SASL”) (BAE Systems and SASL will be referred to herein as the “Parties”).

<u>Previously Granted STA Call Sign</u>	<u>STA File No.</u>
WC9XJE	0693-EX-ST-2005 ¹
WC9WJM	0694-EX-ST-2005 ²

The transaction for which authority is sought from the Commission will involve the purchase of BAE Systems’ Surveillance and Attack business unit in Lansdale (which includes the subject experimental facilities) for a purchase price of US\$240 million.³ The facilities authorized under the Station’s license are included in the assets to be assigned to SASL. Upon grant of the Application and consummation of the transaction, SASL will have Commission authorization to operate the facilities under the Station’s license, and become the licensee of the Station. As licensee, SASL will continue to operate the Station consistent with the authority previously issued by the Commission. As demonstrated in the Application, SASL has the qualifications necessary to become the Commission licensee for the Station.

Due to the nature of the license involved in this transaction, a foreign ownership ruling pursuant to Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act is not required. In any event, the following is provided: The Assignee Sensor and Antenna Systems, Lansdale, Inc. (“SASL”) is a United States corporation, and SASL is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Cobham plc., which is a corporation organized under the laws of England and Wales.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Parties respectfully submit that the proposed transaction will serve the public interest.

¹ Because BAE Systems’ application for a two year license was timely filed (See File No. 0280-EX-PL-2006), under 47 CFR 5.61(b) BAE Systems has continuing authority to operate under the terms of the STA previously granted under File No. 0693-EX-ST-2005 during the pendency of the two year application. Pursuant to discussions with the Commission, because the 2 year application has not yet been granted, the instant Application seeks assignment of the previously-granted STA authority despite the fact that the STA term has expired.

² Because BAE Systems’ application for a two year license was timely filed (See File No. 0282-EX-PL-2006), under 47 CFR 5.61(b) BAE Systems has continuing authority to operate under the terms of the STA previously granted under File No. 0694-EX-ST-2005 during the pendency of the two year application. Pursuant to discussions with the Commission, because the 2 year application has not yet been granted, the instant Application seeks assignment of the previously-granted STA authority despite the fact that the STA term has expired.

³ At Item 8 of the Assignee’s (SASL’s) portion of this application, the Item asks for “Assignee’s relation to station”, and the options provided are “Pro Forma Assignment”; “Lessee”, “Manager” and “Financier”. As the buyer in an asset purchase transaction, these options are inapplicable to SASL. However, as advised by staff, SASL has chosen one of the options (in this case, SASL has chosen “Financier”) as a placeholder, but as described above this is to confirm that the company is in fact a buyer in an asset purchase transaction.