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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Engineering and Technology
Experimental Licensing Branch
Washington, DC. 20554

Re: Request for Expedited Processing and Grant by October 16, 2006

General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products, Inc.

Application For Special Temporary Authority
File No. 0697-EX-ST-2006 (Conf. #: EL244457)

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products, Inc. ("GDATP"), this letter is to accompany the above-referenced application ("STA Request") wherein GDATP requests that the Commission grant special temporary authority ("STA") to permit GDATP to operate the facilities (the "Facilities") specified in the STA Request.

As explained in the attached STA Request, the testing performed at the Marion Test Range Facilities in Marion, VA is related to GDATP's contracts with various defense contractors and the United States Government for the development, manufacture, characterization, and acceptance testing of military and commercial radomes. The testing at the Marion Test Facilities is a critical part of the development and manufacture of military radomes provided to the Armed Forces of the United States. As explained herein, this specific STA Request applies, inter alia, to the manufacture of radomes for the F-15 aircraft related to a specific government contract for the benefit of the US Air Force. Expedited grant of an STA is being requested in this case to permit the required acceptance testing of radomes. It is highly important that the expedited STA be granted to support current, ongoing military operations. As stated above, the testing at the Marion Test Range Facilities is a critical part of the manufacture and delivery of military radomes provided to the Armed Forces in support of current war efforts. In this regard, please note that the instant contract is a "rated order" (DOA1) under applicable military procedures and therefore the instant application reflects an experiment of importance to the nation's military

effort. Based on currently identified contract delivery dates, it is essential that the range testing specified in this STA Request commence *no later than October 16th, 2006*.

In further support of this request for expedited processing, it is noted that the F-15 radomes manufactured and tested at the General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products facility in Marion, Virginia are delivered to Robbins AFB. Robbins AFB is the home of Warner-Robbins Air Logistics Center which is the depot for F-15 maintenance and modification. Delays in testing the radomes at GDATP translates to delays in the completion of maintenance for the affected aircraft, which in turn delays the return of same aircraft to combat operations.

The delay in testing can also impact the maintenance schedule for operational aircraft because commanders must have sufficient numbers of aircraft to meet ongoing mission tasking requirements. Commanders may be required to defer maintenance actions on current operational aircraft while they await the return of grounded aircraft to operational status.

GDATP apologizes for submitting this application with such short notice - however, the company has no choice but to pursue expedited processing as requested herein.

For the foregoing reasons, expedited review and approval of this STA Request is in the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Should any questions arise with respect to the instant STA Request, please do not hesitate to contact undersigned counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Rummel', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Jeffrey Rummel

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Technical Products, Inc.