

QUESTION 5: STATEMENT OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT USE

Ingalls Shipbuilding, Inc. entered into contract number CGA-CNALO-002-97 with the Government of the Republic of Venezuela, Ministry of Defense, Venezuelan Navy on 18 December 1997 to overhaul, repair, and modernize two LUPO class frigates. The scope of the contract includes the overhaul, repair and replacement of the frigates' fire control system, as well as the 3D Surveillance Threat Alert Radar, RAN 11 Radars (X and L), and DARDO Radar (which includes the Orion 10X and RTN 20X). Ultimately, the fire control system on each frigate must be integrated with all of the shipboard radars, including the 3D STAR, RAN 11, and DARDO.

Ingalls obtained Special Temporary Authorizations to test the radars for a discrete period of time after the completion of integration. However, Ingalls' supplier for the fire control system repeatedly slipped its completion date and forced multiple requests for extension to Ingalls' STAs.

More recently, Ingalls has encountered unforeseen problems which will preclude the completion of fire control system integration for several months. A solution to the latest problem has not yet been identified and a reasonably accurate completion date is not estimable. Under the circumstances, Ingalls believes that it would be more appropriate to obtain the FCC's approval to operate an experimental radio service in lieu of requesting an extension to existing STAs. Current STAs include:

1. 0036-EX-ST-2002 for the 3D STAR, Orion 10X, and RAN 11X
2. 0034-EX-ST-2002 for the RTN 20X
3. 0037-EX-ST-2002 for the RAN 11L

Ingalls respectfully requests FCC approval of its Form 442 application [Application for New or Modified Radio Station Authorization Under Part 5 of FCC Rules – Experimental Radio Services (Other Than Broadcast)] for a period of two years (47 CFR Part 5 Section 71). It is intended that the approval supersede existing STAs identified in the preceding paragraph.