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Mr. James Burtle, Chief
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Re: **MDS America, Incorporated**
Update to Reply to Northpoint Technology's Response to MDS America's
Supplement to Pending Application to Modify Experimental License,
Call Sign WC2XPU, FCC File No. 0005-EX-ML-2002

Dear Jim:

This separate letter provides additional information that MDS International has given us concerning MDS International's activities in the United Arab Emirates. This information is provided because certain Commission staff members expressed an interest in these activities. MDS America apologizes for the delay in providing this information, as it was only received this morning from France.

The MDS International system in Al Ayn, U.A.E. (also spelled Al Ain) is up and running as previously reported to Commission staff. Al Ain is the capital of the eastern region of the U.A.E. The MDS International system covers the city, which is contained in an area of 60 kilometers by 30 kilometers (approximately 300 square miles), roughly the size of Charlotte, North Carolina. The system is composed of a single tower on a ridge overlooking the city. To the best of MDS America's knowledge, Al Ayn has an official total population of approximately 283,000. To the best of MDS International's knowledge, this population is mostly contained within the MDS International system coverage area.

MDS International has also informed us that it has received an order from Etisalat in the U.A.E. for 3 additional head ends to cover Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Sarjha. Abu Dhabi is the capital of the U.A.E. The entire project of serving the U.A.E. is expected to take 2 years and

require a total of 12 head ends, per MDS International. If you have any further questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Killien Spooner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "N" and "S".

Nancy Killien Spooner
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