

EXHIBIT A

NCL America Inc., FCC Registration Number 0010790483 (“NCLA”), hereby submits an emergency request for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for the operation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (“GMDSS”) on the cruise ship PRIDE OF ALOHA, U.S. Coast Guard Official Number 1153219 (the “Vessel”). NCLA is the licensee for Ship Radio Station Authorization WAZK for the operation of the Vessel’s GMDSS. The Vessel is in the final stages of its re-documentation under U.S. flag, and is scheduled to commence its maiden voyage under U.S. flag on June 7, 2004. The GMDSS equipment onboard the Vessel, which was previously documented under a Bahamian flag, is not presently certified under Part 2 of the Commission’s rules.

Pursuant to special legislative authority from the United States Congress, P.L. 108-7, Division B, Title II, Sec. 211 (the “Special Legislative Authority”), NCLA is entitled to re-document a foreign flag cruise ship into the United States flag registry for domestic operation. So long as the foreign flag cruise ship to be re-documented complies with applicable international agreements and guidelines including the 1992 Amendments to the International Safety of Life at Sea Convention of 1974 immediately prior to documentation (as is the case here with the Vessel’s onboard radio equipment), the Special Legislative Authority is intended to remove impediments to re-documenting the vessel under the U.S. flag, and allow the Vessel, without physical alteration, to move into the U.S. registry. Previously, the Vessel was registered with the Bahamas Maritime Authority, BMA Official Number 731038 under the name NORWEGIAN SKY. While under the Bahamian Flag, the GMDSS equipment presently onboard the Vessel was operated pursuant to Ship Radio Communications License No. L113, Call Sign C6PZ8, issued by the Public Utilities Commission of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas.

On May 18, 2004, the Vessel, entered San Francisco Dry Dock to undergo substantial renovations and maintenance work to prepare the vessel for operation under the U.S. flag in regular service in Hawaii. The vessel is scheduled to commence cruise service on June 7, 2004.

The GMDSS equipment installed on the Vessel and its specifications is as follows:

Equipment	Manufacturer	Type No.	Serial No.	Power	Frequency Range
INMARSAT B	NERA	3230	8BE3A2	32/25dBW	1626.5-1646.5MHz
INMARSAT C	SP Radio	H2095C	97211050	14dBW	1626.5-1646.5MHz
MF/HF TEL.	DEBEG (Sailor)	D200	649096 649097	600W	1.6 – 22 MHz
VHF	DEBEG (Sailor)	6357	626884 626887	25W	156 – 162 MHz
EPIRB(s)	DEBEG (Sailor)	2540WH		5W	121.5, 406.025 MHz
SARTs	DEBEG (Sailor)	5900	18564 18598	400mW	9.2 – 9.5 GHz

NCLA believes that the GMDSS equipment onboard the Vessel operates in a manner consistent with the technical requirements for both frequency range of operation and RF Power output of both FCC Rule Parts 2 and 80 for FCC certification of GMDSS equipment, which conform with the requirements for GMDSS operations under International Telecommunications Union recommendations and under the International Radio Regulations. As such, operation of the equipment should not result in harmful interference with any other licensed radio service.

NCLA only learned of the FCC equipment authorization issue relating to its GMDSS equipment onboard the Vessel on May 25, 2004, during the final stages of the Vessel's inspection by NCLA operations personnel. To the extent an STA is not expeditiously granted, NCLA could only comply with the Commission's equipment authorization requirements by immediately removing the current GMDSS equipment beginning today, Friday 28, 2004, and reinstalling FCC-certified equipment. This would result in potential delay of the project, as well as a significant and potentially unnecessary expense, to the extent relief from the Commission can be obtained that would ultimately allow operation of the existing equipment.

NCLA, instead seeks immediate grant of an STA for 180 days authorizing operation of the GMDSS equipment onboard the Vessel. Grant of the STA will allow NCLA to seek appropriate relief from the Commission allowing the permanent operation of the GMDSS equipment presently onboard the Vessel, or would provide it with sufficient time to make alternative arrangements for the installation of new equipment, should that prove necessary. Accordingly, expeditious grant of the STA is in the public interest.