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October 1, 1999

Ron Repasi
Chief, Satellite Engineering Branch, International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
2000 M St. NW
WASHINGTON DC 20554

Dear Mr. Repasi,
Nycomed Amersham and Amersham Pharmacia Biotech have submitted 4 applications for Experimental licenses for Inmarsat WorldPhones. We are relying on these phones as part of our Year 2000 Contingency plans. As per the requirement of our headquarters in the United Kingdom, we had planned to perform a global test among 13 satellite phones, of which 4 are in the United States, on September 9.

One of the file numbers is 0237-EX-PL-1999. I do not have the return receipt letters for the other 3 applications for your reference. The companies/locations are:

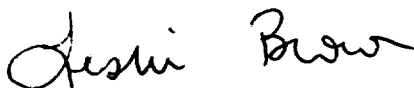
0236-99 Nycomed Amersham, Princeton NJ
247-99 Nycomed Amersham, Arlington Heights IL *Melishyns*
Amersham Pharmacia Biotech Inc, Piscataway NJ (0237-EX-PL-1999)
238-99 Amersham Pharmacia Biotech/Molecular Dynamics, Sunnyvale CA

As it is critical for us to train our staff members, and conduct global tests, prior to year end and any Year 2000 emergencies that may arise, I respectfully request that these applications be processed as quickly as possible.

If there is additional information you require that will facilitate a rapid approval, please contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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