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- ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE
- PRO FORMA TRANSFER/ASSIGNMENT
- SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY
- SUBMARINE CABLE LANDING LICENSE

Description of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

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VIA COURIER

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
International Bureau, Telecommunications Division  
P.O. Box 358115  
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Re: *Application of Connect International, Inc. for Global Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to Operate as an International Facilities-Based and Resale Carrier Between the United States and All Authorized International Points*

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and six (6) copies of the application of Connect International, Inc. ("Connect") requesting global authority, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to operate as an international facilities-based and resale carrier between the United States and all authorized international points. Concurrent with this filing, Connect is filing an electronic version of this application utilizing The International Bureau Electronic Filing System.

As required by the Commission's Rules, a check in the amount of \$780.00 is enclosed. Please date-stamp the extra copy of this application and return it in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please contact Priscilla A. Whitehead at (202) 424-7870 if you have any questions regarding the enclosed application.

Respectfully submitted,



Priscilla A. Whitehead  
David D. Rines

Counsel for Connect International, Inc.

Enclosures

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Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

Connect International, Inc.

File No. ITC-214-2000-\_\_\_\_\_

Application for Global Authority Pursuant to )  
Section 214 of the Communications Act )  
of 1934, as amended, to Operate as an )  
International Facilities-Based and Resale Carrier )  
Between the United States and All Authorized )  
International Points )  
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APPLICATION

Connect International, Inc. ("Connect International" or "Applicant"), by its undersigned counsel, hereby requests global facilities-based authority and global resale authority, under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18, to provide international telecommunications services between the United States and all authorized international points.

I. The Applicant

Connect International is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nevada. Connect International is not a foreign carrier and has no foreign affiliations within the meaning of Section 63.09(e) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.09(e). Connect International's

application is eligible for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules because the Sections 63.12(c)(1)-(3) do not apply to the Applicant.

## **II. Public Interest Considerations**

Connect International believes that the added competition its entry will bring to the market will benefit the consumers of United States-overseas services. These benefits include competitive pricing and increased availability of a variety of service options. Therefore, a grant of this Application will further the public interest.

## **III. Information Required by Section 63.18**

Connect International submits the following information, as required by Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, in support of its request for Section 214 authorization:

- (a) Name, address and telephone number of Applicant:

Connect International, Inc.  
124 West Capitol Avenue  
Suite 250  
Little Rock, AR 72201-3704  
Tel: (501) 401-7700  
Fax: (501) 401-7625

- (b) Applicant is incorporated under the laws of the State of Nevada.

- (c) Correspondence concerning this application should be sent to:

Priscilla A. Whitehead, Esq.  
SWIDLER BERLIN SHEREFF FRIEDMAN, LLP  
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with a copy to:

Cindy Lee  
Manager of Regulatory Affairs  
Connect International, Inc.  
124 West Capitol Avenue  
Suite 250  
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Fax: (501) 401-7799

- (d) Connect International has not previously received authority under Section 214 of Act. Upon grant of this Application, Connect International will become an authorized non-dominant facilities-based carrier and reseller with global authority, pursuant to Section 214 of the Act and the Commission's Rules.
- (e)
  - (1) Connect International requests Section 214 authority to operate as a facilities-based carrier pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(1) of the Commission's Rules. Connect International requests such authorization for all international routes authorized by the Commission. Connect International certifies that it will comply with the terms and conditions of Sections 63.21 and 63.22 of the Commission's Rules.
  - (2) Connect International also requests Section 214 authority to resell the international services of authorized U.S. common carriers pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(2) of the Commission's Rules. Connect International requests such authorization for all international routes authorized by the Commission. Connect International certifies that it will comply with the terms and conditions contained in Section 63.21 and 63.23 of the Commission's Rules.
- (f) Connect International seeks the authority to provide only the services referenced under paragraph (e) of Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules.
- (g) Given that Connect International is not seeking facilities-based authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(4) of the Commission's Rules, this Section is not applicable.

(h) Information regarding **Connect International's** 10% or greater direct or indirect shareholders is as follows:

Name: Connect Holdings Corp.  
Address: 124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 250  
Percentage Held: 100%  
Citizenship: United States of America  
Principal Business: Telecommunications

Information regarding **Connect Holdings Corp.'s** 10% or greater direct or indirect shareholders is as follows:

Name: Ted L. Snider, Jr.  
Address: 124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 250  
Percentage Held: 100%  
Citizenship: United States of America  
Principal Business: Telecommunications

Connect International has no interlocking directorates to report.

(i) Connect International certifies that it is not a foreign carrier. In addition, Connect International certifies that it is not affiliated with a foreign carrier within the meaning of Section 63.09(e).

(j) Connect International certifies that it does not seek to provide international telecommunications services to any destination country to which the definitions of Section 63.18 paragraphs (j)(1) through (j)(4) apply.

(k) Connect International has not listed any countries in response to paragraph (j). Therefore, the requirements of paragraph (k) do not apply to the Applicant.

(l) For the reasons set forth in paragraph (i), the requirements of paragraph (l) do not apply to the Applicant.

(m) For the reasons set forth in paragraph (i), the requirements of paragraph (m) do not apply to the Applicant.

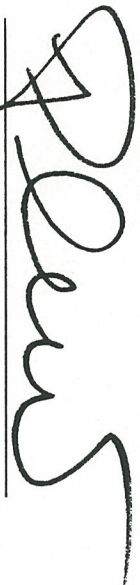
(n) Connect International certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier with respect to any U.S. international route where the foreign carrier possesses market power on the foreign end of the route and will not enter into such agreements in the future.

- (o) Connect International certifies, pursuant to Sections 1.2001 through 1.2003 of the Commission's Rules (implementing the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 3301), that no party to its application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.
- (p) Connect International qualifies for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules because Sections 63.12(c)(1)-(3) do not apply to the Applicant.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Connect International, Inc. respectfully submits that the public interest, convenience, and necessity would be furthered by a grant of this Section 214 Application.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

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Dated: February 8, 2000

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

On behalf of Connect International, Inc., I hereby certify that the statements in the foregoing Application for Section 214 authority are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

Connect International, Inc.

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Bill Jester

Title: Vice President and Director of Operations

Date: February 02, 2000