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- SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY
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**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC**

In the Matter of

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Telecom Africa Corporation

Application for Authority, pursuant to section 214 of
The Communications Act of 1934, as amended,
For Authority to operate as an International
Facilities-based and Resale carrier

File No.

APPLICATION

Telecom Africa corporation ("Applicant"), pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended, and section 63.18 of the Commission's rules, hereby requests global authority to operate as an international facilities-based and resale carrier to provide switched, facilities based private line, resold switched, resold interconnected private line and resold interconnected private lines between the United States and all foreign points permitted by the Commission. The provision of interconnected private line services on either a facilities or resold basis will be restricted to destinations for which the Commission has previously approved international simple resale ("ISR"). As discussed below, this application is eligible for streamlined processing.

Applicant is a minority-owned and managed corporation designed to create a meaningful presence in the United States and global telecommunications and information sector. It is registered under the laws of the State of New York. Applicant has no foreign affiliation.

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Pursuant to section 63.18 of the Commission's rules, Applicant submits the following information.

(a) The name and address of the applicant is:

Telecom Africa Corporation
222 Forest Avenue
New Rochelle, NY 10804
Tel: 914-636 7797
Fax: 914-632-2320

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International Bureau

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(b) Applicant is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of New York.

(c) Correspondence concerning the application should be addressed to the following:

Dr. Joseph Okpaku, President
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With a copy to applicant's attorney:

Ignatius Chibututu, Esq.,
307 Seventh Avenue, suite 306,
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(d) Applicant has not previously received authority under section 214 of the Act.

(e) Applicant requests global facilities-based and resale Section 214 authority pursuant to the terms and conditions of section 63.18(e) (1) and (e) (2) of the Commission's Rules. Applicant hereby states that it will comply with the terms of and conditions set forth in section 63.18(e) (1)(ii) and 63.18 (e) (2) (ii) of the Commission's rules and will not provide services to any country on the Commission's exclusion list. Under section 63.10 of the commission rules, Applicant hereby certifies that it will comply with the terms and conditions set forth in sections 63.21, 63.22 and 63.23 of the Commission's rules. Applicant qualifies as a non-dominant carrier and would provide services to all international points for which it qualifies for non-dominant regulation. See section 63.18(e)(1)(ii)(A) of the Commission's rules.

(f) Applicant seeks authority to provide only the services referenced under paragraph (e) of section 63.18 of the Commission's rules.

(g) The authority requested in this application is categorically excluded from environmental processing as defined by section 1.306 of the Commission's Rules.

(h) Applicant hereby certifies that it is not a foreign carrier, and is not affiliated with any foreign or U.S. facilities based carrier.

In support of this certification, the following information is provided regarding the ten percent or greater stockholders of Applicant:

Joseph Okpaku (100 percent)
c/o 222 Forest Avenue,
New Rochelle, NY 10804

Principal Business: Communications

- (i) Applicant is not affiliated with a foreign carrier.
- (j) Not applicable.
- (k) Not applicable
- (l) Not applicable.
- (m) Applicant is a non-dominant carrier as it is not a foreign carrier and has no foreign affiliation.
- (n) Pursuant to section 63.18 (i) of the Commission's Rules, Applicant certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier or administration with respect to any traffic or revenue flows between the United States and any foreign countries the applicant is authorized to serve.
- (o) Applicant attaches to this application a certificate stating that no party to this application has been denied or is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.
- (p) Applicant is not affiliated with a foreign carrier in a destination market, is not affiliated with a dominant US carrier whose international switched or private line services seeks authority to resell, and does not seek authority to provide switched basic services over private lines to a country for which the Commission has not previously authorized the provision of switched services over private lines. Accordingly, Applicant is eligible for streamlined processing pursuant to section 63.12.

CONCLUSION

Applicant certifies that all the information in this application is accurate and correct.

A grant of this application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity because it will promote competition in the provision of international telecommunications services, increase service options and lower prices and thereby advance the goals of the

Commission's international telecommunications policies. Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, it is respectfully requested that the Commission grant the foregoing application.

Respectfully submitted,

Telecom Africa Corporation

By: 

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Attorney for Telecom Africa Corporation

Date: August 17, 2000

SECTION 1.2001 CERTIFICATION

On behalf of Telecom Africa Corporation, and in accordance with Sections 1.2001-1.2003 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.2001-1.2003, I hereby certify that neither Applicant nor any party to this applicant is subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. See 21 U.S.C. 853(a).



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(1) LOCKBOX #
358115

SECTION A - PAYER INFORMATION

SPECIAL USE
FCC USE ONLY

(2) PAYER NAME (if paying by credit card, enter name exactly as it appears on your card)
TELECOM ITALIA C/RIPIRATI CN

(3) TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (U.S. Dollars and cents)
780.100

(4) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1
222 FOREST AVENUE

(5) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2

(6) CITY
NEW ROCHELLE

(7) STATE
NY

(8) ZIP CODE
10804

(9) DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (include area code)
9146367197

(10) COUNTRY CODE (if not in U.S.A.)

FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER (FRN) AND TAX IDENTIFICATION Number (TIN) REQUIRED

(11) PAYER (FRN)
0003731582

(12) PAYER (TIN)
134043199

IF PAYER NAME AND THE APPLICANT NAME ARE DIFFERENT, COMPLETE SECTION B
IF MORE THAN ONE APPLICANT, USE CONTINUATION SHEETS (FORM 159-C)

(13) APPLICANT NAME

(14) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1

(15) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2

(16) CITY

(17) STATE

(18) ZIP CODE

(19) DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (include area code)

(20) COUNTRY CODE (if not in U.S.A.)

FCC REGISTRATION NUMBER (FRN) AND TAX IDENTIFICATION Number (TIN) REQUIRED

(21) APPLICANT (FRN)

(22) APPLICANT (TIN)

COMPLETE SECTION C FOR EACH SERVICE. IF MORE BOXES ARE NEEDED, USE CONTINUATION SHEET

(23A) CALL SIGN/OTHER ID

(24A) PAYMENT TYPE CODE
CUT

(25A) QUANTITY
11

(26A) FEE DUE FOR (PTC)
780

(27A) TOTAL FEE
780

FCC USE ONLY

(28A) FCC CODE 1

(29A) FCC CODE 2

(23B) CALL SIGN/OTHER ID

(24B) PAYMENT TYPE CODE

(25B) QUANTITY

(26B) FEE DUE FOR (PTC)

(27B) TOTAL FEE

FCC USE ONLY

(28B) FCC CODE 1

(29B) FCC CODE 2

SECTION D - CERTIFICATION

(30) CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, **JOSEPH OKPAKU**

certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing and supporting information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

SIGNATURE

DATE **AUG 17 2000**

SECTION E - CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION

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MASTERCARD/VISA ACCOUNT NUMBER:

MASTERCARD

EXPIRATION

VISA

I hereby authorize the FCC to charge my VISA or MASTERCARD for the service(s)/authorization herein described.

SIGNATURE

DATE