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

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In the Matter of

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ALANT INC.

ITC-214-20001102-00665

ALANT INC.

Application Pursuant to Section 214 for  
Global Authority to Provide International  
Facilities-Based and Resale Services

**APPLICATION FOR SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATION**

Aliant Inc. ("Aliant") hereby applies, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, for global authority to provide facilities-based and resale services. The proposed services will include international basic switched, non-interconnected private line, data, television, and business services to all international points. These services will also include international basic switched services via private lines to all authorized countries.

This Application qualifies for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules because Aliant certifies, by signature to this application, that it will comply with the Commission's dominant carrier regulations with respect to services to Canada, a WTO country, where it is affiliated with a number of dominant foreign carriers.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, Aliant qualifies for non-dominant status on all

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.12(c)(1)(v).

other routes, as its affiliates in Brazil, Colombia, India, Venezuela, and Mexico control far less than 50 percent of the relevant international transport and local markets.<sup>2</sup>

The following information is provided in compliance with Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules:

a - c. Aliant is a Canadian corporation. Correspondence concerning this

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and

Alfred M. Mamlet  
Colleen A. Sechrest  
Steploe & Johnson LLP  
1330 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
(202) 429-3000

d. Aliant is not currently authorized under Section 214 of the Communications Act.

e. Aliant is requesting Section 214 authority to operate as a facilities-based and resale carrier, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(1), (2) & (4), for the provision of international basic switched, non-interconnected private line, data, television, and business services to all international points, including countries in which it has affiliates. Aliant also requests authority to provide international basic switched services via private

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<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.12(c)(1)(ii) & 63.10(a)(3).

lines to all authorized countries. Aliant certifies, by signature to this application, that it will comply with the conditions set forth in 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.21- 63.23.

f. See paragraph (e) above.

g. Aliant is seeking facilities-based and resale authority under 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e) to provide international services. The grant of this Application will not constitute a major action as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 1.1305. Accordingly, no environmental information is required to be submitted with this Application under 47 C.F.R. § 1.1311.

h. Aliant, a Canadian holding company, is publicly traded and is directly or indirectly 53.2 percent owned by BCE Inc., a publicly traded corporation. No other entity owns, directly or indirectly, 10 percent or more of Aliant's stock. No individual or entity owns, directly or indirectly, more than 10 percent of BCE Inc.'s stock. Each member of Aliant's board of directors also serves as a director of Aliant Telecom, Inc. Additionally, the following directors also serve on the boards of the carriers indicated in parentheses: Miller H. Ayre, Albert E.P. Hickman, Stephen Whetmore, and Charles W. White (Newtel Communications Inc.); J. Charles Caty, Lino J. Celeste, and Edward Reevey (NBTEL Inc.); Rob P. Dexter and Donald C. R. Sobeey (Maritime Tel & Tel Limited); Ivan H. Duvar and Alan K. Scales (Island Telecom Inc.); Randall James Reynolds (BCE Nexxia Inc., Bell Canada, Bell Intrigna Inc., Bell Mobility Cellular Inc., Bell Mobility Paging Inc.); John W. Sheridan (Bell Advanced Communications Inc., Bell Canada, Bell Intrigna Inc.).

The principal place of business of Aliant Inc. is:

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(506) 694-2102

The principal place of business of BCE Inc. is as follows:

BCE Inc.  
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Montreal, Quebec  
Canada H3B 4Y7

i. Aliant certifies that it is affiliated with the foreign carriers listed on Appendix A. These carriers located in Canada, Colombia, Mexico, India, Brazil, and Venezuela.

j. Aliant certifies that it seeks to provide facilities-based and resale services to all countries, including Canada, Brazil, Colombia, India, Mexico, and Venezuela, where it is affiliated with the foreign carriers listed on Appendix A. Aliant further certifies that it does not seek to provide services to any other country in which an entity that owns more than 25 percent of Aliant or that controls Aliant also controls a foreign carrier in that country. Aliant further certifies that Aliant does not seek to provide services to any country in which (1) Aliant is a foreign carrier; or (2) Aliant controls a foreign carrier; (3) two or more foreign carriers (or parties that control foreign carriers) together own more than 25 percent of Aliant and are parties to, or beneficiaries of, a contractual relation affecting the provision or marketing of international basic telecommunications services in the United States.

k. Canada, Brazil, Colombia, India, Mexico, and Venezuela are all members of the WTO.

l. Aliant certifies that it will file the quarterly traffic reports required by Section 43.61(c) on the U.S.-Canada route.

m. Aliant agrees to accept dominant carrier regulation on the U.S.-Canada route. Additionally, Aliant qualifies for non-dominant status on all other routes where it has affiliates. As noted on the attached Appendix A, Aliant is affiliated with cellular carriers in India and Colombia. In Brazil, Aliant is affiliated with a carrier which provides heavy route space segment services, and with two competitive carriers which provide fixed telephony and value added services. Another competitive Brazilian affiliate provides only private telephone services. In Mexico, Aliant is affiliated with a competitive carrier which provides mobile satellite services. Finally, in Venezuela, Aliant is affiliated with a competitive carrier which provides broadband wireless services. Each of these affiliates clearly controls less than 50% of the local access and international transport markets. In short, as Aliant is not affiliated with any foreign carrier (outside of Canada) with sufficient market power to affect adversely competition in the U.S. market, Aliant is entitled, under Section 63.10(a)(3), to non-dominant status on all routes other than the U.S.-Canada route.

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

o. Additionally, Aliant certifies, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §1.2002 that neither Aliant nor any other party to this Application is subject to a denial of any federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. See 21 U.S.C. § 853a.

p. As stated above, Aliant is entitled to streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules because Canada is a member of the WTO and Aliant certifies, by signature to this application, that it will comply with the Commission's dominant carrier regulations on the U.S.-Canada route. Additionally, as noted in paragraph (m) above, Aliant is entitled to non-dominant status on all other routes.

**I. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons set out above, Aliant requests that the Commission promptly grant this Application for global authority to provide international facilities-based and resale services.

Dated: October 22, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

**ALIAANT INC.**

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barrie Black", written over a horizontal line.

Barrie Black

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Alfred M. Mamlet  
Colleen A. Sechrest  
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***Counsel for ALIAANT, INC.***

**FOREIGN CARRIER AFFILIATES**

The following is a list of foreign carrier affiliates in which BCE Inc. holds a direct or indirect interest of greater than 25%.

| <b>Company</b>                      | <b>Description of Service</b>                                                                     | <b>Country</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Aliant Advanced Communications Inc. | Reseller of data services.                                                                        | Canada         |
| Aliant Telecom Inc.                 | Provider of competitive telecommunications services in Canada                                     | Canada         |
| ARDICOM Digital Communications Inc. | Reseller of digital services in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Territory, Canada.          | Canada         |
| Axtel S.A. de C.V.                  | Provides local and long distance services in Mexico.                                              | Mexico         |
| BCE Nexxia Inc.                     | Provides high-speed data services.                                                                | Canada         |
| Bell Advanced Communications Inc.   | Reseller of telecommunications services.                                                          | Canada         |
| Bell Canada                         | Provides local, long distance, and international voice and data services in Canada.               | Canada         |
| Bell ExpressVu Inc.                 | Provides direct-to-home video and high-speed data services.                                       | Canada         |
| Bell Intrigna Inc.                  | Provides local and long distance voice and data services in Alberta and British Columbia, Canada. | Canada         |
| Bell Mobility Cellular Inc.         | Provides cellular and PCS services in Ontario and Québec, Canada.                                 | Canada         |
| Bell Mobility Paging Inc.           | Provides paging services in Ontario and Québec, Canada.                                           | Canada         |
| Comunicacion Celular S.A. - Comcel  | Provides cellular services in the eastern region of Colombia.                                     | Colombia       |
| Darome Canada Inc.                  | Provides teleconferencing services for voice and video.                                           | Canada         |

**FOREIGN CARRIER AFFILIATES**

| <b>Company</b>                         | <b>Description of Service</b>                                                                                  | <b>Country</b> |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Excel Telecommunications (Canada) Inc. | Reseller of telecommunications services.                                                                       | Canada         |
| Genesis Telecom, C.A.                  | Provides broadband wireless services.                                                                          | Venezuela      |
| Infosat Communications, Inc.           | Provides mobile satellite services.                                                                            | Canada         |
| Island Tel Advanced Solutions Inc.     | Provides data and networking services in Prince Edward Island, Canada.                                         | Canada         |
| Island Telecom Inc.                    | Provides local, long distance, and international services in Prince Edward Island, Canada.                     | Canada         |
| Maritime Tel & Tel Limited             | Provides local, long distance, and international services in Nova Scotia, Canada.                              | Canada         |
| MT&T Mobility Inc.                     | Provides cellular, PCS, and international telecommunications services in Nova Scotia, Canada.                  | Canada         |
| NBTel Inc.                             | Provides local, long distance, international, wireless, and high-speed data services in New Brunswick, Canada. | Canada         |
| NBTel VideoActive Network Limited      | Provides resold video and data services.                                                                       | Canada         |
| NewTel Communications Inc.             | Provides local, long distance, and international services in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.                | Canada         |
| NewTel Mobility Limited                | Provides wireless services in Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.                                               | Canada         |
| NorTel Mobility Inc.                   | Provides cellular services in Northeastern Ontario, Canada.                                                    | Canada         |
| Northern Telephone Limited             | Provides local telephone service in Northeastern Ontario, Canada.                                              | Canada         |
| Northwestel Inc.                       | Provides local and long distance services in the Yukon and Northwest Territories and British Columbia, Canada. | Canada         |

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Northwestel Mobility Inc.                           | Provides wireless services in the Yukon and Northwest Territories and British Columbia, Canada. | Canada         |
| Occidente y Caribe Celular S.A.                     | Provides cellular services in the western region of Colombia.                                   | Colombia       |
| Quality Connections Communications Inc.             | Reseller of centrex services.                                                                   | Canada         |
| SkyTel Communications Corporation                   | Provides airline passenger communication services.                                              | Canada         |
| Stratos de Mexico, S.A. de C.V.                     | Provides mobile satellite services.                                                             | Mexico         |
| Stratos Wireless Inc.                               | Provides mobile and fixed satellite services.                                                   | Canada         |
| Tata Cellular Limited                               | Provides cellular services in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India.                               | India          |
| Télébec ltée                                        | Provides local and long distance services in Québec, Canada.                                    | Canada         |
| Télébec Mobilité inc.                               | Provides cellular and other wireless services in Québec, Canada.                                | Canada         |
| Teleminio Serviços de Telemática Ltda.              | Provides private telephony services.                                                            | Brazil         |
| Telesat Canada                                      | Provides space segment satellite service in Canada.                                             | Canada         |
| Telesat Serviços de Telecomunicação S.A.            | Provides heavy route space segment services in Brazil.                                          | Brazil         |
| TMI Communications and Company, Limited Partnership | Provides mobile satellite services.                                                             | Canada         |
| Vésper S.A.                                         | Provides fixed telephony and value added services.                                              | Brazil         |
| Vésper São Paulo S.A.                               | Provides fixed telephony and value added services.                                              | Brazil         |
| Vistar Telecommunications Inc.                      | Provides wireless and mobile satellite services.                                                | Canada         |

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Alliant Inc.

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(13) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2

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SECTION E - CERTIFICATION

(27) CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, Colleen Sechrest, Certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing and supporting information

(PRINT NAME)

are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. SIGNATURE

Colleen Sechrest

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October 27, 2000

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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International Bureau -- Telecommunications  
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Re: **Aliant Inc.: Application for Global Section 214 Authority**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed please find for filing on behalf of Aliant Inc. an original and five copies of an application for global Section 214 authority.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$780.00 for the applicable filing fee, a completed FCC Form 159, and an additional copy of the application which we ask you to date stamp and return with our messenger.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Alfred M. Mamlet  
Colleen Sechrest

Enclosures

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