

Attachment #1

VEGA Space Ltd. (“VEGA”) is qualified for streamlined processing under 47 C.F.R. §63.12 because it is a non-dominant carrier on all routes. Further, VEGA is not affiliated with any foreign carrier, and was formed and is headquartered in the United Kingdom, a WTO country. Further, its parent company, Telespazio S.p.A. was formed and headquartered in Italy, a WTO country.

In support of its Application, VEGA Space Ltd. (“VEGA”) responds below to Sections (d), (e), (g), and (h) of §63.18 of the Commission’s Rules. 47 C.F.R §63.18.

(d) VEGA has not previously received authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act.

(e) VEGA seeks Section 214 authority to provide facilities-based and resold domestic and international telecommunications services by utilizing Inmarsat 1-4 satellite located at 52.75 W.L. orbital location, including Broadband Global Area Network (“BGAN”) and Global Satellite Phone Services (“GSPS”) service, in the United States on a common carrier basis.

The BGAN service will support both Internet Protocol packet-switched data and circuit-switched applications. The service will allow data transfer speeds between 384 Kbps to 492 Kbps in the unlink direction, depending on the type of End User Terminal. These higher data transmission rates will allow VEGA customers to have access to e-mail, local area networks, the Internet, intranet/extranets, videoconferencing services, video-on-demand, and voice communications from almost anywhere in the world. VEGA expects the Inmarsat BGAN and associated services to be used by a broad range of US users, including enterprise customers, the military, and public safety personnel. This service will enable these and other users to communicate from mobile locations using robust broadband applications at high speeds. The BGAN service is expected to be particularly helpful to the military and public safety officials in the event of a large-scale natural disaster, terrorist attack, or other event that may hamper the stability and availability of traditional terrestrial communications networks. The BGAN service today is available in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. The licensing of the use of this service in the United States would enable VEGA customers to have a truly Global, Mobile Broadband Satellite Service. To summarize, VEGA BGAN service will offer users, including the United States military and public safety personnel, the ability to access a wide range of broadband applications and services at higher data transmission speeds than are available today from other mobile satellite service offerings.

The GSPS service will involve operation of Inmarsat IsatPhone Pro (“IsatPhone”) devices. IsatPhone is the first handset to be purpose-built for the Inmarsat network, and is the first product in Inmarsat’s family of Global Satellite Phone Services. GSPS is a highly competitive offering in terms of hardware costs, airtime rates, and service Quality. GSPS service is available on a global basis over Inmarsat-4 satellites. IsatPhone will support satellite telephony, including circuit-switched voice, SMS, fax, data, and supplementary services. IsatPhone also supports voicemail, text and email messaging and Bluetooth devices for hands-free use. Location data will also be available to the user to look up or send in a text message.

(g) Not applicable.

(h) The following entities control 10% or more of VEGA:

Telespazio S.p.A.
Via Tiburtina, 965
00156 Rome (Italy)
Telephone: +39 06 40791
Principal Business: Satellite Management Services
Citizenship: Italy
Ownership: 100%

The following entities control 10% or more of Telespazio S.p.A:

Telespazio Holding Srl
Via Tiburtina, 965
00156 Rome (Italy)
Telephone: +39 06 40791
Principal Business: Holding Company for Satellite Management Services
Citizenship: Italian
Ownership: 100%

Telespazio Holding Srl is a joint-venture between:

Finmeccanica S.p.A.
Piazza Monte Grappa, 4
00195 Rome (Italy)
Telephone: +39 063 24 731 – Investor Relations
Principal Business: Aerospace, Defense and Security
Citizenship: Italian
Ownership: 67%

and

Thales S.A.
45 rue de Villiers
92526 Neuilly-sur-Seine Cedex
France
Telephone: +33 (0) 1 57 77 80 00
Principal Business: Aerospace, Defense and Security
Citizenship: French
Ownership: 33%

The following entity with an ownership interest in Finmeccanica S.p.A. (“Finmeccanica”) holds a 10% or more ownership interest in VEGA:

Name: Ministry of Economy & Finance, Department of Treasury
Address: Ministero dell’Economia e delle Finanze
Dipartimento del Tesoro
Via XX Settembre, 97
00187 Roma, Italy
Citizenship: Italian
Principal
Businesses: Monitoring and Governance of Italian national economy
Interest held: 30.2% of Finmeccanica

No other person or entity holds a 10% or more ownership interest in VEGA through Finmeccanica’s ownership.¹

The following entity with ownership interests in Thales S.A (“Thales”) each hold a 10% or more ownership interest in VEGA:

Name: TSA
Address: 45 Rue de Villiers
92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine
France
Citizenship: French
Principal
Businesses: State-owned financial holding company²
Interest held: 23% of Thales

Finally, this is to confirm that there are no interlocking directorates.

¹ No person or entity, other than the State, public bodies or entities controlled thereby and other parties authorized by law may possess shares in Finmeccanica that constitute a shareholding of more than 3% of the share capital represented by shares with voting rights. See Finmeccanica Report on Corporate Governance and Shareholder Structure, Financial Year 2010, dated March 2, 2011, p. 6 (citing Article 3 of Decree-law 332 of 31 May 1994, converted with amendments into Law 474 of 30 July 1994).

² It is noted also that the “Agence des participations de l’Etat” (the “French State”), which wholly owns TSA, also holds one “Golden Share” of Thales. This Golden Share (which is included in 2022 shares held by the French State in Thales) entitles the French State to the following rights with respect to Thales: 1) “Any increase in the direct or indirect holding of securities, irrespective of the nature or legal form, beyond a threshold of one-tenth, or a multiple thereof, of the capital or voting rights of the company, but any natural person or legal entity, whether acting alone or in concert, must be approved in advance by the Minister of Economic Affairs..”; 2) “Upon the proposal of the Minister of Defense, a representative of the French State, appointed by decree, sits on the Board of Directors of the company as a non-voting director.”; and “...decisions to dispose of or assign by way of guarantee the assets specified in the annex to this decree may be opposed.” See Thales Registration Document, Filed with the French Financial Markets Authority, April 5, 2011, Section 3.5, page 166. The Agence des participations de l’Etat is the Government Shareholding Agency, Ministry for the Economy, Industry and Employment, Directorate General of the Treasury and Economic Policy, and its address is: Télédoc 228, 139, rue de Bercy, 75572 Paris Cedex 12.