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Maskina Communications, Inc.

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File No. ITC-T/C-20050621-00232

\* Applicant acknowledges

the conditions of STA as

stated in the P. 142 of

Attachment 1.

Maskina Communications, Inc. ("Maskina Communications" or "Company"), pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.25, hereby requests extension of the Company's Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to continue providing service to customers pending consideration of a separately filed application for transfer of control (File No. ITC-T/C-20050621-00232).

On December 2, 2004, Transcom Holdings, LLC and Vyke AS f/k/a Maskina AS consummated a transaction whereby Vyke AS f/k/a Maskina AS purchased a 100% ownership interest in Maskina Communications f/k/a Transcom Communications, Inc. On June 27, 2005, 100% of the shares of Vyke AS f/k/a Maskina AS were purchased by a company by the name of Tower PLC. However, the parties to the transaction did not seek the Commission's consent prior to these transfers of control and requested an STA originally as part of a plan to correct any deficiency which may have resulted from this oversight.

On October 7, 2005, Maskina Communications was granted an STA (File No. ITC-STA-20050926-00380) by the Commission to provide facilities-based and resold international services pending consideration of a separately filed application for authority to transfer control (ITC-T/C-20050621-00232). A renewal of that STA was granted on April 5, 2006 and the STA is set to expire on October 2, 2006. Although Maskina Communications continues to work diligently to ensure that the transfer of control application is timely processed, as of the date of this filing, a final determination has not been made with respect to the application. Currently, it is Maskina Communications' understanding that a draft proposed assurances letter is being reviewed by the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") that would allow DHS to release the transfer of control back to the Commission. Maskina Communications is fully cooperating with DHS, however, the process is not yet complete. While Maskina Communications is hopeful that the review will be completed shortly, the Company has no means by which to assess the amount of time necessary to complete the review and, thus, requests and extension of 180 days from October 2, 2006.

Grant of this extension remains in the public interest as it will allow Maskina Communications to continue to provide communications service to its customers. Since Maskina Communications is a wholesale telecommunications services provider, discontinuance of the Company's service could result in a widespread loss of telecommunications service to end user customers of companies other than Maskina Communications. Such discontinuance could affect thousands of consumers. Many of the companies which rely on Maskina Communications for wholesale service provide service to end users on a prepaid basis. Such consumers often have lower incomes and fewer options available for the purchase telecommunications service than options which may be available to the public at large. In addition, since such customers have already purchased service, a service disruption may result in a situation in which they cannot be made whole, even if refunds for lost service are available.

Maskina Communications acknowledges that the grant of this STA will not preinduce any

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