Thrane & Thrane Airtime Ltd.
Request for Special Temporary Authority
FCC File No. ITC-STA-20081202-00520
214 Inmarsat BGAN Services

## **Supplement - Attachment A**

Section 214 Special Temporary Authority to provide Inmarsat BGAN Services

Thrane & Thrane Airtime Ltd. ("T&T Airtime") hereby submits this supplement to its request for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") (See *FCC File No.* ITC-STA-20081202-00520, *filed December 2, 2008*) to reflect the transitioning of the Inmarsat BGAN service from the 4F2 satellite to the 4F3 satellite.

## **Background**

On April 13, 2006, T&T Airtime filed an application for Section 214 authority to provide global facilities-based and resold international telecommunications service (*File No. ITC-214-20060413-00241*). Subsequently, on May 22, 2006 T&T Airtime filed an application for a blanket license to operate 20,000 METs with Inmarsat's BGAN service (*File No. SES-LFS-20060522-00852*) using up to 5,000 mobile earth terminals ("METs") operating in the L-band in conjunction with the Inmarsat 4F2 satellite located at the 52.75° W.L. orbital location. On May 26, 2006, T&T Airtime also amended its 214 application to clarify that the authority it seeks would include the authority to offer (a) Inmarsat BGAN service using the Inmarsat fourth generation satellite located at 52.75° W.L., and (b) existing Inmarsat services, including Inmarsat mini-M, M4, B and C services, also using the fourth generation Inmarsat satellites (*File No. ITC-AMD-20060526-00294*).

On May 26, 2006, T&T Airtime also filed an STA application requesting authority to allow it to sell Inmarsat's BGAN service over the Inmarsat 4F2 satellite while the International Bureau considered T&T Airtime's underlying Section 214 application (*See FCC File No. ITC-STA-20060526-00298*). The Commission granted this application on June 30, 2006 and T&T Airtime has been operating pursuant to extensions of this STA since June 2006.<sup>1</sup>

As referenced above, T&T Airtime filed an additional STA request on December 2, 2008. This STA requested operations under a non-substantial, slightly revised ownership structure from that originally reported under STA File No. ITC-STA-20060526-00298.

## **Transition**

On January 7, 2009, Inmarsat's BGAN service will be relocated from the 4F2 satellite currently located at 52.75° W.L. to the 4F3 satellite at 97.65° W.L. consistent with Inmarsat's pending

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See recent STA extensions under FCC File Nos. ITC-STA-20080819-00386, ITC-STA-20081017-00468.

application for authority to communicate with the 4F3 from the Paumalu, Hawaii satellite access station (See FCC File No. SES-LIC-20080306-00242).

Pursuant to this transition, in conjunction with STA File No. ITC-STA-20081202-00520, T&T Airtime hereby requests authority to continue providing Inmarsat's BGAN service using up to 5,000 mobile earth terminals ("METs") operating in the L-band in conjunction with the Inmarsat 4F2 satellite located at the 52.75° W.L. orbital location through January 6, 2009. Beginning on January 7, 2009 and thereafter, T&T Airtime hereby requests authority to provide Inmarsat's BGAN service using up to 5,000 mobile earth terminals ("METs") operating in the L-band in conjunction with the Inmarsat 4F3 satellite located at the 97.65° W.L. orbital location.