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Space Imaging LLC (Assignor) and ORBIMAGE License Corp. (Assignee)
Seek Approval for the Assignment of FCC Licenses and Authorizations
Held by Space Imaging LLC to ORBIMAGE License Corp.

IB Docket No. 05-293
PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

Comments/Petitions Due: November 28, 2005
Oppositions Due: December 8, 2005
Replies Due: December 13, 2005

On October 6, 2005, Space Imaging LLC ("Space Imaging") and ORBIMAGE License Corp. ("ORBIMAGE") filed applications pursuant to section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,¹ seeking consent to assign space and earth station licenses held by Space Imaging to ORBIMAGE. Specifically, the applicants' filing includes the request for approval to assign Space Imaging's authorization to operate an imaging satellite, IKONOS, (FCC Call Sign S2144), and six earth stations to ORBIMAGE. The pertinent file numbers associated with this assignment request are:

<u>File Numbers</u>	<u>Licensee/Call Signs</u>
SAT-ASG-20051006-00197	Space Imaging LLC Call Sign(s): S2144
SES-ASG-20051013-01405	Space Imaging LLC Call Sign(s): E970270, E970354, E000150, E000103, E970271, E960463

The applicants also request the assignment of all associated Special Temporary Authorizations ("STAs") and applications for new, modified, or extended authority that may be filed or granted prior to the consummation of the proposed transaction.² In addition, the proposed transaction will include the acquisition by ORBIMAGE of Space Imaging's library of archived images, its employment relationships with many of its employees, and its customer base, including international relationships.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 310(d).

² We note that on October 20, 2005, the Satellite Division dismissed, without prejudice to refile, applications filed by Space Imaging requesting modification of earth stations E960463, E970354, E970271, and E970270 (SES-MOD-20051005-01373, SES-MOD-20051005-01374, SES-MOD-20051005-01375, SES-MOD-20051005-0136). Space Imaging subsequently refiled a request for modification for these earth stations. See, SES-MOD-20051021-01433, SES-MOD-20051021-01434, SES-MOD-20051021-01435, SES-MOD-20051021-01436.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The applications referenced herein have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. The Commission reserves the right to return any application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules, regulations, or policies. Final action will not be taken on the above referenced applications earlier than 31 days following the date of this Public Notice.³

Interested parties may file comments regarding or petitions to deny the Assignment Application no later than **November 28, 2005**. Oppositions or responses to these comments and petitions may be filed no later than **December 8, 2005**. Replies may be filed no later than **December 13, 2005**. All filings concerning matters referenced in this Public Notice should refer to **IB Docket No. 05-293**.

Under the Commission's procedures for the submission of filings and other documents,⁴ submissions in this matter may be filed electronically (*i.e.*, through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS")) or by hand delivery to the Commission's Massachusetts Avenue location.

- **If filed by ECFS,**⁵ comments shall be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.
- **If filed by paper,** the original and four copies of each filing must be filed by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

One copy of each pleading must be delivered electronically, by e-mail or facsimile, or if delivered as paper copy, by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (according to the procedures set forth above for paper filings), to the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., at fcc@bcpiweb.com or (202) 488-5563 (facsimile). Courtesy copies may be filed with (1) Kathleen Campbell, Satellite Division,

³ See 47 U.S.C. §309(b).

⁴ See *Implementation of Interim Electronic Filing Procedures for Certain Commission Filings*, Order, 16 FCC Rcd 21483 (2001); see also *FCC Announces a New Filing Location for Paper Documents and a New Fax Number for General Correspondence*, Public Notice, 16 FCC Rcd 22,165 (2001); *Reminder: Filing Locations for Paper Documents and Instructions for Mailing Electronic Media*, Public Notice, 18 FCC Rcd 16705 (2003).

⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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Copies of the Assignment Application and any subsequently-filed documents in this matter may be obtained from Best Copy and Printing, Inc., in person at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, via telephone at (202) 488-5300, via facsimile at (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at fcc@bcpiweb.com. The Applications and any associated documents are also available for public inspection and copying during normal reference room hours at the following Commission office: FCC Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. The Assignment Application also is available electronically through the Commission's ECFS, which may be accessed on the Commission's Internet website at <http://www.fcc.gov>. Alternate formats of this public notice (computer diskette, large print, audio recording, and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millin at (202) 418-7426 (voice), (202) 418-7365 (TTY), or send an e-mail to access@fcc.gov.

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