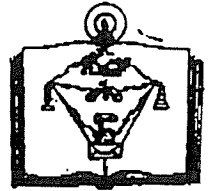




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Ms. Marjorie Roman Salas,
Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission,
The Portals,
445-12th Street, S.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20554.

Re: Amendment of AfriSpace, Inc.'s Application for Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate a Subregional Africa and Middle Eastern Satellite Sound Broadcasting Transmission System, File No. CSS-90-017 [IBFSS File No. SATLOA—19900723-00002]; Amendment File No. SAT-AMD-1999. 0125- 000116 (Call Sign 52367)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to a series of contacts and discussions years back with people from Mr. Noah Samara's office, I have been very well acquainted with the AfriStar, CaribStar and AsiaStar projects that could provide a satellite radio broadcasting system. In fact, I can say one of the first contacts in Ethiopia with these satellite projects is my Agency, Educational Media Agency (EMA).

In spite of the fact that my Agency has a strong educational radio and television broadcast along with distance education infrastructure, with the wave of democracy spreading across my country cascades of demands of the regions and that of the center for more air time have congested our 12 radio stations and they have already reached a point of saturation. This has put us in a very critical situation for some years now.


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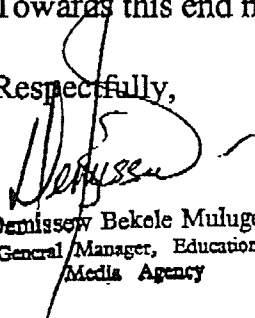
The moment I heard of these satellite projects I was sure that my long-standing problem is over and done--fait accompli. I know that satellite broadcast alike terrestrial broadcast leaves no areas uncovered once it is operational. It will knock on every door, be it on the hills or in the valleys making the world a global village.

I have been particularly very much interested in the AfriStar for I have a strong belief that the use of this satellite could resolve the ever-growing needs of regional and central program output.

For these and quite a number of other reasons, I will always remain a staunch supporter of AfriStar radio satellite broadcast for I believe it will be an instrument and an input in any developmental endeavors a country or an institution strives for.

Towards this end my sincere blessing goes with it!

Respectfully,


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