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Mr. Robert Nelson
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**Re: SES Americom, Inc. Milestone Compliance Showing for AMC-21, Call Sign S2676
File Nos. SAT-LOA-20050622-00133 & SAT-AMD-20050908-00175**

Dear Mr. Nelson:

SES Americom, Inc. ("SES Americom"), by its attorneys, hereby submits documentation to demonstrate compliance with the critical design review ("CDR") construction milestone for the AMC-21 Ku-band expansion satellite to be located at 125° W.L. Because SES Americom has already submitted a compliance filing related to the construction contract for AMC-21, we request that the Commission make a finding that SES Americom has met the first two AMC-21 milestones and authorize reduction of the AMC-21 performance bond to \$1,500,000.

On August 10, 2006, SES Americom submitted a copy of the construction contract for AMC-21 to show that it had met the initial milestone under its authorization. SES Americom requested authority to reduce the original \$3 million bond by 25% to \$2,250,000. This matter is pending before the Commission.

SES Americom submits here the showing required to support a further reduction of the bond to \$1,500,000, consistent with Commission policies.¹ The AMC-21 license requires

¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 25.165(d) ("A GSO-like licensee will be permitted to reduce the amount of the bond by 25 percent of the original bond amount upon successfully meeting a milestone deadline set forth in §25.164(a)").

SES Americom to complete the CDR for AMC-21 by September 16, 2007.² The attached invoice from Alcatel Space demonstrates that CDR was completed as of March 27, 2007.³ The invoice indicates that SES Americom approved payment of the amount due, and SES Americom has verified that the invoice has been paid.

Based on this evidence, we request that the Commission enter a finding that the AMC-21 CDR milestone has been satisfied, in addition to the construction contract milestone SES Americom addressed in its prior filing, and authorize reduction of SES Americom's performance bond accordingly.

Please address any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Andrea Kelly

² See File Nos. SAT-LOA-20050622-00133 & SAT-AMD-20050908-00175, granted Sept. 16, 2005, Terms and Conditions of Authorization at ¶ 2.b.

³ As authorized under Commission precedent, SES Americom has redacted the specific amount due from the attached copy of the invoice. See, e.g., *Amendment of the Commission's Space Station Licensing Rules and Policies*, First Report and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 10760, 10832 (2003) ("*SSLR Order*") (Commission "has recognized that specific dollar amounts . . . warrant confidential treatment") (footnote omitted).

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N° 791197

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Date 27 MARCH 2007

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P.O. AMC-21
Date 21 APRIL 2006

OUR REFERENCE
22387 0001 00

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF AMC-21 AND OPTIONS

ITEM N°
AMC 21 SPACECRAFT MILESTONE PAYMENT PLAN

USD
DOLLARS

(15) M/S 14 SPACECRAFT CDR COMPLETED

*OK to pay
M/S 14 3/12/07*

AMOUNT EXCLUSIVE OF VAT
FREE OF VAT : EXPORT (ARTICLE 262-1 du CGI)

TOTAL AMOUNT

INVOICE AMOUNTING TO :

PAYMENT THROUGH BANK TRANSFER
TO ACCOUNT

DUE ON 27-APR-2007

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