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Mr. Jean-Luc Froeliger
Senior Director, Space Systems Acquisition
Intelsat LLC
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Subject: Contract Intelsat 23 (IS-23) Spacecraft; Status of Spacecraft Construction

Dear Mr. Froeliger

This letter is provided to Intelsat LLC to summarize the current progress of construction of the Intelsat 23 Spacecraft.

1. The Spacecraft Critical Design Review was completed on 19 November 2010.
2. The spacecraft construction is underway. All Payload Input Section testing is complete, and upon completion of the payload panels, which is scheduled to complete in April 2011, Payload End-to-end testing will be conducted followed by Payload Module Thermal Vacuum testing.
3. Spacecraft Thermal Vacuum testing and Dynamics testing is scheduled for this summer and early fall.

The Spacecraft is scheduled to ship to the launch site late in the fourth quarter of 2011.

The undersigned hereby certifies that all of the above statements are true and correct.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas McDermott, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas McDermott, Jr.
IS-23 Program Director
Orbital Sciences Corporation