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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Office of Secretary

RE: New ICO Satellite Services G.P.
IBFS No. SAT-MOD-20050110-00004

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Sections 25.164 and 25.165 of the Commission's rules,¹ New ICO Satellite Services G.P. ("ICO") submits a certification (attached hereto as attachment 1) to supplement previously submitted documentation that ICO has begun physical construction of its geostationary satellite, consistent with the bond requirement set forth in ICO's authorization for provision of 2 GHz mobile satellite service ("MSS") in the United States.²

Please direct any questions regarding this submission to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Hutchings Malloy
Senior Regulatory Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Cassandra Thomas
Karl Kensinger
Bob Nelson

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 25.164, 165.

² See *ICO Satellite Services, G.P.*, 20 FCC Rcd 9797, ¶40 (IB 2005). Although the milestone schedule required by the Commission does not specifically mandate commencement of construction, IC submitting the attached certification in order to reduce the amount of the bond required by the

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20 December 2005

Bob Day
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Dear Mr. Day:

Pursuant to our Satellite manufacturing contract, as executed on January 10, 2005 (the "Contract"), Space Systems/Loral, Inc. is submitting this declaration for the ICO satellite for 2-GHz mobile communications. By this letter, SS/L hereby certifies that the attached Loral article detailing specific progress on the physical construction of the ICO satellite was originally posted on the internal Loral website on approximately August 15, 2005.

In accordance with Section 1.16 of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.16, I, the undersigned, acting on behalf of Space Systems/Loral, Inc., hereby declare under penalty of perjury that to the best of my information and belief, the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 20 December 2005.

Sincerely,

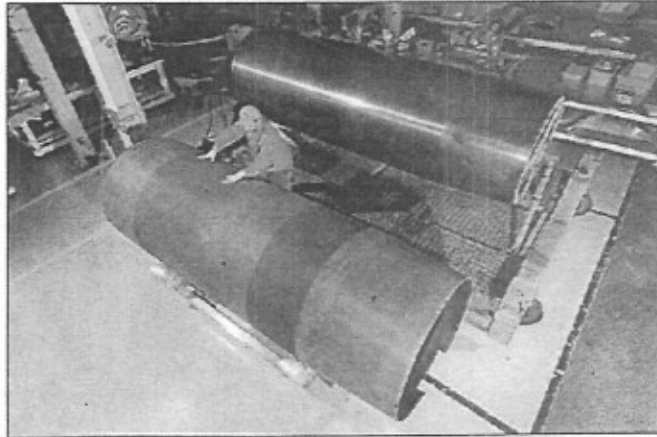
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ICO Central Cylinder Delivered Ahead of Schedule
08/15/05, Marketing

The lower central cylinder for the ICO program, fabricated at SS/L's Composite Manufacturing Center located in Building 48, was delivered with zero defects to the Structure Fabrication and Assembly section in Building 8 on August 11, a day ahead of the aggressive schedule created to support this important program. Typically, the central cylinder is completed early in the fabrication of an SS/L spacecraft, but the completion of the ICO central cylinder occurred approximately two months after long-lead funding was approved, which represents a significant improvement of approximately four months compared with previous similar programs.



Fabricated as a co-cured composite sandwich structure incorporating lightweight aluminum, honeycomb core and unidirectional, ultra-high modulus, graphite fiber faceskin materials, the lower central cylinder is the largest composite component required by the main body structure measuring approximately 142" in length and 50" in diameter. The bus structure is so large that an upper extension cylinder, delivered July 14, will be utilized in conjunction with the lower cylinder to add an additional 38" length (height) to the bus structure. Other composite hardware currently fabricated for the ICO main body structure includes numerous flat composite panels, struts, and doublers

The completion of this important milestone demonstrates the Composite Manufacturing Center's commitment to working with Design Engineering in a collaborative relationship to reduce lead times required during program start up.