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Robert Nelson  
Chief, Engineering Branch  
Satellite Division  
International Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notification of the Status of OrbView-3, Call Sign S2348  
File Nos. SAT-MOD-20050511-00097 and SAT-AMD-20051118-00234**

Dear Mr. Nelson:

ORBIMAGE License Corp, Inc. (collectively with its corporate parent, GeoEye, Inc., "GeoEye"), licensee of OrbView-3, provides this courtesy notification to the Commission that the remote-sensing camera on board OrbView-3 has permanently ceased to produce usable imagery. GeoEye has filed a Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission to notify its shareholders of this failure and has also informed the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"), as required by the terms of its NOAA license.

The OrbView-3 satellite otherwise remains fully functional and capable of meeting the requirements of its FCC-issued NGSO EESS system license. GeoEye plans to keep the satellite in orbit for training use for the duration of its operating life, which GeoEye expects will be approximately five to seven years. GeoEye will continue to communicate with the satellite on a periodic basis (at least daily for the foreseeable future) using all the FCC-authorized frequencies that it had been using prior to the camera failure. The only change in operations will be that the X-band downlink channel will no longer be transmitting usable imagery data.

GeoEye expects to launch a second satellite, GeoEye-1 (originally called OrbView-5)<sup>1</sup> as part of the above-referenced system license later this year—which is well

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from William L. Warren, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, ORBIMAGE License Corp., to Robert Nelson, Chief, Satellite Division, Federal Communications Commission (Nov. 27, 2006) (File Nos. SAT-MOD-20050511-00097; SAT-AMD-20051118-00234).



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in advance of the 2010 launch milestone for that satellite.<sup>2</sup> GeoEye-1 is licensed to use all the frequencies used by OrbView-3.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Warren'.

William Warren  
Sr. Vice President and General Counsel

cc: Fern Jarmulnek, Kathryn Medley, Cassandra Thomas, Sankar Persaud, Sylvia Lam

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<sup>2</sup> See Grant of Modification, File Nos. SAT-MOD-20050511-00097; SAT-AMD-20051118-00234 (Jan. 9, 2006).