

June 30, 2016

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission The Portals Building 445 12th Street, S.W. TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20150408-00019 (Call Sign S2862)

Terra Bella Technologies Inc. Notification of SkySat-3 Satellite Launch, In-Orbit Testing, and Operation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 6, 2016, the International Bureau authorized Terra Bella Technologies Inc. ("Terra Bella") (formerly Skybox Imaging, Inc.) to construct, deploy, and operate a non-geostationary satellite, SkySat-3, as part of its Earth Exploration Satellite Service non-geostationary satellite system, at a nominal orbital altitude of approximately 510 by 502 km with inclination of 97.42 degrees to transmit telemetry signals and remote-sensing data in the 8025-8400 MHz frequency band (space-to-Earth) and to receive command signals in the 2025-2110 MHz band (Earth-to-space).<sup>1</sup>

This letter notifies the Commission that Terra Bella launched the SkySat-3 space station on June 22, 2016, and that in-orbit testing for SkySat-3 has been completed. Please see the attached certification providing the information required under Sections 25.173(b) and 25.121(d) of the Commission's rules<sup>2</sup> regarding the results of in-orbit testing for SkySat-3.

The certification also demonstrates, pursuant to Sections 25.164(b) and 25.164(f) of the Commission's rules,<sup>3</sup> that Terra Bella has satisfied all milestones imposed under the *SkySat-3 Grant* before the thirty day deadline to file the required bond under Section 25.165(a).<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, Terra Bella respectfully requests that the International Bureau issue a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Terra Bella Technologies Inc., Grant in IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20150408-00019 (released June 6, 2016) ("SkySat-3 Grant").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 CFR § 25.173(b); 47 CFR § 25.121(d).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 25.164(b); 47 CFR § 25.164(f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 47 CFR § 25.165(a).

determination that all Commission milestones and related bond requirements have been satisfied.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATION

1. I am the responsible engineer for satellite communications of Terra Bella Technologies Inc. ("Terra Bella") (formerly Skybox Imaging, Inc.), the holder of an FCC authorization for the SkySat-3 space station (Call Sign S2862). In Condition 8 of the *SkySat-3 Grant* the International Bureau established four milestones requiring Terra Bella to enter into a binding non-contingent contract to construct SkySat-3, complete the Critical Design Review, begin construction, and launch and begin operation of SkySat-3 by December 6, 2019.

2. Pursuant to Condition 8 of the SkySat-3 Grant, as well as Sections 25.164(a)4, 25.164(f) and 25.173(b) of the Commission's Rules, I hereby certify that:

- (a) Terra Bella launched the SkySat-3 space station on June 22, 2016;
- (b) the space station has been placed in its nominal assigned orbital altitude of approximately 510 by 502 km with inclination of 97.42 degrees;
- (c) the in-orbit testing of the space station has been completed;
- (d) the space station's measured performance is consistent with its station authorization; and
- (e) the space station is capable of using its assigned frequencies.

3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Craig Scheffler Technical Program Manager, Satellite Ground Systems Terra Bella Technologies Inc. June 30, 2016