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FEBERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC

**Section 1.65 Amendment** 

File No. SAT-ASG-20010302-00017; File No. SAT-WAV-20010302-00018; File No. SAT-AMD-20010302-00019; File No. SAT-LOA-19980702-00066 et al.

Dear Mr. Caton:

On March 2, 2001, Motient Services Inc. ("MSI") and TMI Communications and Company, Limited Partnership ("TMI") filed the above-captioned application requesting authority to assign their licenses relating to their mobile satellite service ("MSS") operations in the L-band to Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC ("MSV Sub"). MSI and TMI also requested authority to modify these licenses to allow MSV Sub to operate with both MSAT-1, licensed by Canada, and AMSC-1, licensed by the United States. In November 2001, the Commission approved these aspects of the above-captioned application.<sup>1</sup>

In the application, the applicants also requested authority for MSV Sub to launch and operate a next-generation MSS system in the L-band. This application is still pending.

MSV Sub hereby informs the Commission that on January 10, 2002, Motient Corporation ("Motient") and three wholly owned subsidiaries of Motient filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code. Motient is an indirect, minority shareholder of MSV Sub. Motient is continuing to manage its business as debtor in possession, but a trustee has been appointed to oversee the reorganization proceedings, as mandated by the bankruptcy code. The trustee is the Office of the United States Trustee, 115 South Union Street,

Motient Services Inc., TMI Communications and Company LP, and Mobile Satellite Ventures LLC, *Order and Authorization*, File No. SAT-ASG-20010302-00017 et al. (DA 01-2732) (Nov. 21, 2001) ("Assignment Authorization"); Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC, *Order and Authorization*, File No. SES-MOD-20010302-00505 et al. (DA 01-2745) (Nov. 23, 2001).



Plaza Level, Suite 210, Alexandria, VA 22314. Motient filed its petition for reorganization in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. As a result of the reorganization, the ownership of Motient is likely to change substantially. Motient's ownership interest in MSV Sub, MSV LP, and MSV GP Inc., has not changed and is not likely to change as a result of the bankruptcy. Motient has not changed the identity of its directors on the board of MSV GP Inc. MSV Sub will update the above-captioned application to inform the Commission of the new ownership of Motient when this information becomes final.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Lon C. Levin

As explained in the Order approving the assignment of licenses to MSV Sub, MSV Sub is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mobile Satellite Ventures L.P. ("MSV LP"), a Delaware limited partnership. *Assignment Authorization* ¶ 5. Motient holds a 48.1% equity interest in MSV LP. *Id.* MSV LP is managed and controlled by a Delaware corporate general partner, Mobile Satellite Ventures GP Inc. ("MSV GP Inc."). *Id.* at ¶ 6. Motient holds a 33.3% voting interest in MSV GP Inc. *Id.* In addition, Motient has the right to elect three of the twelve members of the board of directors of MSV GP Inc.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Sylvia A. Davis, a secretary with the law firm of Shaw Pittman LLP, hereby certify that on this 27th day of February 2002, served a true copy of the foregoing letter by first-class United States Mail, postage prepaid, upon the following:

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