Exhibit For SES Americom, LLC Woodbine, Maryland Vertex Corporation 9 Meter Earth Station

Compliance with FCC Report & Order (FCC96-377) for the 13.75 - 14.0 GHz Band Analysis and Calculations

1. Background

This Exhibit is presented to demonstrate the extent to which the SES Americom, LLC satellite earth station in Woodbine, Maryland is in compliance with FCC REPORT & ORDER 96-377. The potential interference from the earth station to US Navy shipboard radiolocation operations (RADAR) and the NASA space research activities in the 13.75 - 14.0 GHz Band is addressed in this exhibit. The parameters for the earth station are:

Table 1. Earth Station Characteristics

• Coordinates (NAD83): 39° 22' 36.8" N, 77° 04' 47.4" W

• Satellite Location for Earth Station: From 12.0° W to 142.0° W

SES-15 (129° W) - Target

• Frequency Band: 13.75-14.0 GHz for uplink

• Polarizations: Linear

Emissions: NoN, 100KG7W, 500KG9D, 1M00G7W, 30M0G7W, 36M0G7W, 54M0G7W and 72M0G7W

• Modulation: Digital

• Maximum Aggregate Uplink EIRP: 46.1 dBW for the N0N Carrier

60.0 dBW for the 100 kHz Carriers 67.1 dBW for the 500 kHz Carriers 70.0 dBW for the 1 MHz Carriers 84.8 dBW for the 30 MHz Carriers 85.0 dBW for the 36 MHz Carriers 85.0 dBW for the 54 MHz Carriers 85.0 dBW for the 72 MHz Carriers

• Transmit Antenna Characteristics

Antenna Size: 9.0 meters in Diameter Antenna Type/Model: Vertex Corporation

Gain: 60.1 dBi

• RF power into Antenna Flange:

No Modulation (N0N)

-14.0 dBW or -14.0 dBW/4 kHz (Maximum)

100 kHz -0.1 dBW

or -14.0 dBW/4 kHz

500 kHz 7.0 dBW

or -14.0 dBW/4 kHz

1 MHz 9.9 dBW

or -14.0 dBW/4 kHz (Maximum)

30 MHz 24.7 dBW

or -14.1 dBW/4 kHz (Maximum)

36 MHz 24.9 dBW

or –14.6 dBW/4 kHz (Maximum)

54 MHz 24.9 dBW

or -16.4 dBW/4 kHz (Maximum)

72 MHz 24.9 dBW

or -17.6 dBW/4 kHz (Maximum)

• Minimum Elevation Angle:

Woodbine, Md 10.5° @ 106.4° Az.

• Side Lobe Antenna Gain: $32 - 25*\log(\theta)$

Because the above uplink spectrum is shared with the Federal Government, coordination in this band requires resolution data pertaining to potential interference between the earth station and both Navy Department and NASA systems. Potential interference from the earth station could impact with the Navy and/or NASA systems in two areas. These areas are noted in FCC Report and Order 96-377 dated September 1996, and consist of (1) Radiolocation and radio navigation, (2) Data Relay Satellites.

Summary of Coordination Issues:

- 1) Potential Impact to Government Radiolocation (Shipboard Radar)
- 2) Potential Impact to NASA Data Relay Satellite Systems (TDRSS)

2. Potential Impact to Government Radiolocation (Shipboard Radar)

Radiolocation operations (RADAR) may occur anywhere in the 13.4 - 14 GHz frequency band aboard ocean going United States Navy ships. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) order 96-377 allocates the top 250 MHz of this 600 MHz band to the Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) on a co-primary basis with the radiolocation operations and provides for an interference protection level of -167 dBW/m²/4 kHz.

The closest distance to the shoreline from the Woodbine earth station is approximately 65.9 km Southeast toward the Chesapeake Bay. The calculation of the power spectral density at this distance is given by:

	,	<u>N0N</u>	<u>100 kHz</u>	<u>500kHz</u>	<u>1.0 MHz</u>	<u>30MHz</u>	36.0 MHz	<u>54 MHz</u>	<u>72MHz</u>
1.	Clear Sky EIRP (dBW): 46.1	60.0	67.1	70.0	84.8	85.0	85.0	85.0
2.	Carrier Bandwidth:	CW	100 kHz	500 kHz	1 MHz	30 MH:	z 36 MHz	54 MHz	72MHz
3.	PD at antenna Input:	-14.0	-14.0	-14.0	-14.0	-14.1	-14.6	-16.4	-17.6
	(dBW/4 kHz)								
4.	Transmit Antenna Gain:		60.1 dBi						
5.	Antenna Gain Horizon:		FCC Reference Pattern						
6.	Antenna Elevation Ang	10.5°							

The proposed earth station will radiate interference toward the Chesapeake Bay according to its off-axis side-lobe performance. A conservative analysis, using FCC standard reference pattern, results in off-axis antenna gains of 7.0 dBi toward the Chesapeake Bay.

The signal density at the shoreline, through free space is:

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NON Carriers (CW Carrier)

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) – Spread Loss (dBw-m²).

= -14.0 dBw/4 kHz + (7.0) dBi – 10*log[4\Pi*(65900m)^2]
= -114.36 dBW/m²/4 kHz + Additional Path Losses (~63.0 dB)
= -177.36 dBW/m²/4 kHz

100 kHz Carriers

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) – Spread Loss (dBw-m²).

= -14.0 dBw/4 kHz + (7.0) dBi – 10*log[4\Pi*(65900m)^2]
= -14.36 dBW/m²/4 kHz + Additional Path Losses (~63.0 dB)
= -177.36 dBW/m²/4 kHz
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500 kHz Carriers
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PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) - Spread Loss (dBw-m²).

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= -14.0 \text{ dBw/4 kHz} + (7.0) \text{ dBi} - 10*\log[4\Pi*(65900\text{m})^2]
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- = $-114.36 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz} + \text{Additional Path Losses} (\sim 63.0 \text{ dB})$
- $= -177.36 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}$

1 MHz Carriers

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) - Spread Loss (dBw-m²).

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= -14.0 \text{ dBw/4 kHz} + (7.0) \text{ dBi} - 10*\log[4\Pi*(65900\text{m})^2]
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- = -114.36 dBW/m 2 /4 kHz + Additional Path Losses (~63.0 dB)
- $= -177.36 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}$

30 MHz Carriers

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) - Spread Loss (dBw-m²).

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= -14.1 \text{ dBw/4 kHz} + (7.0) \text{ dBi} - 10*\log[4\Pi*(65900\text{m})^2]
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- = -114.46 dBW/m 2 /4 kHz + Additional Path Losses (~63.0 dB)
- $= -177.46 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}$

36 MHz Carriers

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) - Spread Loss (dBw-m²).

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= -14.6 \text{ dBw/4 kHz} + (7.0) \text{ dBi} - 10*\log[4\Pi*(65900\text{m})^2]
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- = $-114.96 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz} + \text{Additional Path Losses} (\sim 63.0 \text{ dB})$
- $= -177.96 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}$

54 MHz Carriers

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) - Spread Loss (dBw-m²).

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= -16.4 \text{ dBw}/4 \text{ kHz} + (7.0) \text{ dBi} - 10*\log[4\Pi*(65900\text{m})^2]
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- = -116.76 dBW/m 2 /4 kHz + Additional Path Losses (~63.0 dB)
- $= -179.76 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}$

72 MHz Carriers

PFD = Antenna Feed Power density (dBW/4 kHz) + Antenna Off-Axis Gain (dBi) - Spread Loss (dBw-m²).

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= -17.6 \text{ dBw/4 kHz} + (7.0) \text{ dBi} - 10*\log[4\Pi*(65900\text{m})^2]
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- = -117.96 dBW/m 2 /4 kHz + Additional Path Losses (~63.0 dB)
- $= -180.96 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}$

Our calculations identified additional path losses of approximately 63.0 dB including absorption loss and earth diffraction loss for the actual path profiles from the earth station to the nearest shoreline.

The worst case calculated PFD when considering all carriers, including additional path losses to the closest shoreline location is $-177.36 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}$. All carriers are a minimum of 10.36 dB below the $-167 \text{ dBW/m}^2/4 \text{ kHz}$ interference criteria of R&O 96-377. Therefore, there should be no interference to the US Navy RADAR from the Woodbine earth station due to the distance and the terrain blockage between the site and the shore.

3. Potential Impact to NASA's Data Relay Satellite System (TDRSS)

The geographic location of the SES Americom earth station in Woodbine, Maryland is outside the 390 km radius coordination contour surrounding NASA's White Sands, New Mexico ground station complex. Therefore, the TDRSS space-to-earth link will not be impacted by the SES Americom earth station in Woodbine, Maryland.

The TDRSS space-to-space link in the 13.772 to 13.778 GHz band is assumed to be protected if an earth station produces an EIRP less than 71 dBW/6 MHz in this band. The 9 meter earth station antenna will have an EIRP less than 71 dBW/6 MHz for both the CW carrier, 100 kHz, 500 kHz and 1 MHz carriers in this band. The total EIRP for the CW Carrier is 46.1 dBW and the equivalent EIRP per 6 MHz segment will remain at 46.1 dBW/6 MHz. The total EIRP for the 100 kHz, carriers is 60.0 dBW. The equivalent EIRP per 6 MHz segment will remain at 60.0 dBW/6 MHz. The total EIRP for the 500 kHz is 67.1 dBW. The equivalent EIRP per 6 MHz will remain at 67.1 dBW/6 MHz. The total EIRP for the 1 MHz, carriers is 70.0 dBW. The equivalent EIRP per 6 MHz segment will remain at 70.0 dBW/6 MHz. Therefore, there should not be interference to the TDRSS space-to-space link for the CW carriers, 100 kHz, 500 kHz and 1 MHz carriers.

When considering the 30 MHz, 36 MHz, 54 MHz and 72 MHz carriers, the total EIRP of 84.8 dBW (30 MHz) 85.0 dBW (36 MHz), 85.0 dBW (54 MHz) and 85.0 dBW (72 MHz) equate to an EIRP per 6 MHz of 80 dBW/6 MHz (30 MHz), 79.0 dBW/6 MHz (36 MHz), 76.0 dBW/6 MHz (54MHz) and 73 dBW/6 MHz (72 MHz) respectively. To avoid interference to the TDRSS space-to-space link the 30 MHz, 36 MHz, 54 MHz and 72 MHz carriers will not be used for the transmit spectrum of 13.772 to 13.778 GHz by this earth station.

4. Coordination Issue Result Summary and Conclusions

The results of the analysis and calculations performed in this exhibit indicate that compatible operation between the earth station at the Woodbine facility and the US Navy and NASA systems space-to-earth link are possible for all of the proposed carriers. Operations in NASA systems space-to-space link (13772.0 to 13778.0 MHz) will also be permitted for all of the carriers with the exception of the 30 MHz, 36 MHz, 54 MHz and 72 MHz emissions.