

Exhibit A

Land-Based Ka-Band License Modification Application

Systems and Software Enterprises, LLC, dba Safran Passenger Innovations, LLC (“*Safran*”), herein seeks licensing of two additional land-based Ka-Band terminals in a modification to its license in E202145. The requested license modification will provide, along with *Safran*’s existing earth station, two additional facilities for the testing of in-flight entertainment systems that are used in conjunction with Inmarsat’s Ka-band Global Xpress satellite system. ISAT US holds a blanket license authority for what it known as ESIMs (Earth Stations in Motion) that provide broadband communications on maritime and aeronautical platforms utilizing the Inmarsat 5F2 and Inmarsat 5F3 satellite networks. *Safran* proposes to utilize a ThinKom ThinAir Falcon VSAT antenna/transmitter/receiver system that is customarily found on aircraft, but operating in a *fixed* satellite terminal configuration, which is proposed to be mounted in a stationary configuration on the roof of *Safran*’s building in Brea, California. The instant modification of license application will enable operations in the 29.5-30.0 GHz (Earth-to-space) and 19.7-20.2 GHz (space-to-Earth) frequency bands.

This license request is in the public interest. *Safran* provides a number of in-flight entertainment system software systems for airlines. Use of this land-based terminal will allow *Safran* to test and perfect several enhancements to its in-flight entertainment and other passenger information systems so that they can be made available, in a finalized version, for use by tens of thousands of airline passengers traveling on airlines that utilize *Safran* in-flight entertainment systems on a daily basis.

Land-Based Earth Station Description

The two additional uplink terminals will be operated at a single fixed location in Brea, Orange County, California. The terminal, which employs a 65cm x 57cm ThinKom ThinAir Falcon VSAT antenna (P/N CTS1006010-116), will operate on the same frequencies and with the same parameters as the ISAT US “Aero 1” in-flight terminals already licensed by the Commission¹. *Safran* proposes to use this same ThinKom VSAT antenna system, but mounted as a fixed transmitter/receiver.

Operations in the frequency bands requested herein are subject to the U.S. Table of Frequency Allocations in Section 2.106 of the Commission’s rules (“U.S. Table”) and the Ka-band plan adopted by the Commission. The FCC’s Ka-band plan designates the 19.7-20.2 GHz band and the 29.5-30.0 GHz band to GSO FSS on a primary basis. The Commission has already adopted rules for ESIM use of the Ka-band FSS frequency bands requested in this application².

Consequently, *Safran* submits that it has met the Commission’s requirements for the grant of an application for such a modification of license and such modification of license should be granted at the earliest

¹ ISAT US, Inc. File Number SES-LIC-20141030-00832

² *Amendment of Parts 2 and 25 of the Commission’s Rules to Facilitate the Use of Earth Stations in Motion Communicating with Geostationary Orbit Space Stations in Frequency Bands Allocated to the Fixed Satellite Service*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 33 FCC Rcd 9327 (2018).

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