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BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street NW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

<u>Stratos Communications, Inc.</u> - File Nos. SES-STA-20051216-01760, SES-STA-20051216-01761, SES-STA-20051216-01762, SES-STA-20051216-01763, SES-STA-20051216-01764

<u>Telenor Satellite, Inc.</u> - File Nos. SES-STA-20051216-01756, SES-STA-20051216-01757, SES-STA-20051216-01758, SES-STA-20051216-01759

Satamatics, Inc. - File No. SES-STA-20051223-01790

SkyWave Mobile Communications, Corp. - File No. SES-STA-20051222-01788

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday January 11, 2006, representatives for Stratos Communications, Inc. ("Stratos"), Telenor Satellite, Inc. ("Telenor"), Satamatics, Inc. ("Satamatics") and SkyWave Mobile Communications, Corp. ("SkyWave") met to discuss the above-referenced STA requests with the following members of the International Bureau: Roderick Porter, Gardner Foster, Karl Kensinger, Robert Nelson, Paul Locke, Howard Griboff, Scott Kotler and Stephen Duall. Representing Stratos, Satamatics and SkyWave at the meeting were Alfred M. Mamlet (outside counsel, Steptoe & Johnson LLP) and Marc A. Paul (outside counsel, Steptoe & Johnson LLP). In addition, Satamatics was also represented by Brian Hester, President and COO of Satamatics. The representative from Telenor was Keith Fagan (Senior Counsel).

The attached presentation (distributed at the meeting) summarizes what was discussed between Stratos, Telenor, Satamatics, SkyWave and the International Bureau staff. In addition, it was discussed at the meeting what the appropriate interference standard is for STAs.

Following the meeting, additional research was performed that shows that the Bureau has typically applied a standard of "non-harmful" interference to its grant of STA requests. *See, e.g.,* DIRECTV Enterprises, LLC, File No. SAT-STA-20051019-00203, granted in Public Notice DA 06-29 (Jan. 6, 2006) (authorizing temporary use of a satellite on a "non-harmful interference basis"); EchoStar Satellite Operating Corporation, File No. SAT-STA-20051027-00207, granted in Public Notice DA 06-29 (Jan. 6, 2006) (authorizing temporary use of a satellite on a "non-harmful interference basis"); Stratos Offshore Services Company, File No. SES-STA-20050921-01308 (granted Sept. 21, 2005)(authorizing temporary use of an earth station on the condition that "no harmful interference shall be caused").

This Notice of Ex Parte Presentation is being filed on behalf of Stratos, SkyWave, Satamatics and Telenor. Two copies of this Notice are being submitted for each of the file numbers referenced above.

Sincerely, RP

Marc A. Paul

Counsel to Stratos Communications, Inc., Satmatics, Inc. and SkyWave Mobile Communications, Corp.

Enclosure

cc: Roderick Porter (International Bureau) Stephen Duall (International Bureau) Gardner Foster (International Bureau) Howard Griboff (International Bureau) Karl Kensinger (International Bureau) Scott Kotler (International Bureau) Paul Locke (International Bureau) Robert Nelson (International Bureau) Telenor Satellite Services, Inc. Stratos Communications, Inc. Satamatics, Inc. and SkyWave Mobile Communications Corp.

Meeting with FCC International Bureau January 11, 2006

Migration of Existing Inmarsat Services to a New Inmarsat Satellite at 52.75° W.L.





Summary

- Applicants are licensed to use an Inmarsat satellite at 54° W.L.
- Inmarsat will migrate existing services on January 22, 2006 to a new satellite at 52.75° W.L.
- STAs are needed by January 18, 2006 to prevent disruption of service





Existing Inmarsat Services

- Licensed to provide Inmarsat services since 2001 (Stratos and Telenor), 2003 (Satamatics) and 2004 (SkyWave)
 - Stratos provides: Inmarsat B, C, M, mini-M and M4 services
 - Telenor provides: Inmarsat B, C, mini-M, Aero Mini-M, M4, Aero-H and H+, Aero-I and Swift
 - Satamatics and SkyWave provide Inmarsat D+
- Authorized to communicate with 54° W.L.





U.S. Customers

- **US Military**: U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Department of Defense
- Federal Government: State Department, FEMA, the U.S. Coast Guard, FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and Drug Enforcement Agency
- State/Local Government: New York Fire Department, Los Angeles Fire Department and National Guard
- Private Sector: Media, the oil and gas industry, and land and marine transport



Migration of Existing Inmarsat Services

- January 22, 2006 migration of existing services to Inmarsat 4F2 at 52.75° W.L.
- Upon successful migration, satellite at 54° W.L. to replace satellite at 142° W.L. – 50 day drift to 142° W.L.
- Satellite at 142° W.L. is low on fuel and must be decommissioned by March 2006
- Inmarsat does not have other spacecraft available



Grant Pending Applications

- No new service sought

 Services licensed for several years
- Grant is in the public interest

 No disruption in service
- Grant will not cause interference
 - Operations currently interference-free
 - Same technical envelope will be used





Service to US end-users should not be disrupted

- Applications should not be held hostage to resolution of coordination issues
 - Coordination issues not created by existing services on I4 satellites
 - Not right forum
 - Harm U.S. customers and service providers
- During FCC deliberations, STA by January 18, 2006 will ensure no disruption of service

