

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In re: Satamatics, Inc.)	File No. SES-STA-200600307-00373
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Stratos Communications, Inc.)	File No. SES-STA-200600307-00373
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SkyWave Mobile Communications, Inc.)	File No. SES-STA-200600307-00373
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Telenor Satellite Inc.)	File No. SES-STA-200600307-00373
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REPLY OF INMARSAT VENTURES LIMITED

Inmarsat Ventures Limited (“Inmarsat”) replies to the comments of Mobile Satellite Ventures LLC (“MSV”) on these requests to extend the term of existing special temporary authority (“STA”) to continue to provide longstanding Inmarsat services.

Significantly, MSV does not oppose an extension of these STAs. Nor does MSV raise any interference concerns. Moreover, by all accounts, Stratos, SkyWave, Satamatics and Telenor have complied with all of the terms and conditions of their existing STAs. Thus, there is no reason these STAs should not be extended.

The only issue MSV raises is the same one it has raised many times before in other contexts—MSV’s desire to obtain the right to use certain additional segments of the L-Band. Contrary to MSV’s assertions, there is nothing “extraordinary” or “temporary” about

Inmarsat's current use of those band segments over its global MSS network. They are the very same band segments that Inmarsat has been using for years, and that Inmarsat needs to continue to use in order to serve commercial and United States Government customers both here and abroad.

The facts are that (i) MSV does not "own" any L-Band spectrum, or have any L-Band spectrum to "loan" to or "recall" from Inmarsat, and (ii) in any event, this is not the proper venue for resolving the international spectrum dispute that MSV raises.¹ Moreover, in contrast with Inmarsat's intention to maintain the "status quo" during the pendency of that spectrum dispute, it should not be lost that MSV seeks to *increase* its spectrum holdings (at Inmarsat's expense) without MSV providing the substantiation, or participating in the international negotiations, that longstanding Commission policy mandates must first occur.²

Inmarsat thus urges the Bureau to extend the STAs without any new conditions.

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¹ Because these issues have been fully briefed many times before, Inmarsat incorporates by reference its prior submissions. *See, e.g.*, Opposition of Inmarsat Ventures Limited, File No. SES-LFS-20050930-01352, *et seq.* (filed Dec. 7, 2005) at 9-17.

² *See FCC Hails Historic Agreement on International Satellite Coordination*, Rep. No. IN 96-16 (rel. Jun. 25, 1996) ("Spectrum allocations to individual operators will be reviewed annually on the basis of actual usage and short-term projections of future need.").

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