

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the matter of                                    )  
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Thrane & Thrane Airtime Ltd.                ) File No. SES-STA-20061019-01868

**REPLY**

Inmarsat Ventures Limited (“Inmarsat”) replies to the Comments of Mobile Satellite Ventures Subsidiary LLC (“MSV”) with regard to the application of Thrane & Thrane Airtime Ltd. (“T&T Airtime”) for continued special temporary authority (“STA”) to provide BGAN service over the Inmarsat-4 spacecraft (“I-4”). BGAN service successfully has been provided to the United States over I-4 pursuant to STA for approximately six months.

Since the transition from I-3 to I-4, Inmarsat services, including BGAN, have continued to serve a vital, and growing, role for U.S. federal, state and municipal governments, relief organizations and commercial users. Examples of the users who rely on Inmarsat services for their critical communications needs include: the U.S. military, the Department of Homeland Security (including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Coast Guard), U.S. Executive Branch and Congressional officials, the New York City Fire Department, CNN, ABC, CBS, National Public Radio, the Red Cross, and nearly every major airline and shipping line throughout the world. Where no other communications service can reach, or where weather or disasters preclude use of terrestrial networks, Inmarsat’s MSS system provides an instantaneously-available, reliable and highly secure communications link.

MSV does not oppose renewal of T&T Airtime’s BGAN STA. Rather, MSV asks the Commission to modify the conditions applicable to STA, and attaches: (i) MSV’s pending Petition for Clarification, which seeks modification of all current BGAN STAs; and (ii) MSV’s Reply to the Joint Opposition to that Petition. Inmarsat has fully responded to MSV’s Petition

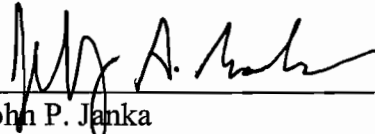
for Clarification in a Joint Opposition, and it incorporates that pleading by reference into the record of this proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Inmarsat also incorporates by reference the September 20, 2006 Joint Reply that responded to recent comments by MSV, which also included a request that the Commission “establish a firm expiration date for this STA of November 30, 2006.”<sup>2</sup>

By all accounts, T&T Airtime has complied with the conditions of its STA and BGAN successfully has been provided pursuant to the terms of the STA. Nowhere does MSV dispute this – neither in MSV’s Comments, its Petition for Clarification, nor in its Reply. Simply stated, MSV still fails to demonstrate that the current BGAN STA conditions are inadequate to constrain the potential for harmful interference to MSV. Moreover, MSV’s request that T&T Airtime’s BGAN STA not be extended beyond November 30, 2006 has no merit.

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For these reasons, and the reasons set forth in the pleadings referenced above, the Commission should grant T&T Airtime’s application without the modified, or new, conditions requested by MSV.

Respectfully submitted,



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<sup>1</sup> Joint Opposition, File Nos. SES-STA-20060310-00419 *et al.* (filed June 19, 2006).

<sup>2</sup> Joint Reply, File Nos. SES-STA-20060906-01674 *et al.* (filed Sep. 20, 2006).

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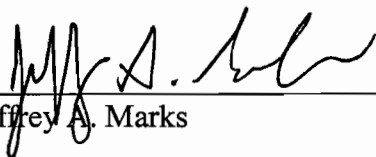
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