

Description of Request for Special Temporary Authority

DG Consents Sub, Inc. (“DG Consents”) has filed a modification application to, *inter alia*, permit communications between its Earth Exploration Satellite Service (“EESS”) earth station in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska (Call Sign E040264) and the GeoEye-1, GeoEye-2 and IKONOS space stations. A reference copy of this application (FCC File No. SES-MOD-INTR2013-00496) is included with this request.

With this application, DG Consents respectfully requests special temporary authority (“STA”) to communicate with the two space stations (GeoEye-1 and IKONOS) currently in orbit. STA is requested for a 60-day period, beginning March 6, 2013 and ending May 5, 2013, and is required in advance of the proposed permanent authority in order to allow immediate testing of communication links between the Prudhoe Bay earth station and GeoEye-1 and IKONOS, which are now ultimately controlled by DigitalGlobe, Inc., parent company of DG Consents, following the merger of DigitalGlobe, Inc. and GeoEye, Inc. *See* FCC File No. SES-T/C-20120817-00761 (granted Jan. 10, 2013).

Operations under the STA with GeoEye-1 and IKONOS would be under the same technical conditions as currently authorized to the GeoEye Alaska earth stations (Call Signs E970270 and E980376). DG Consents has coordinated its use of the frequencies from Prudhoe Bay. *See* Frequency Coordination and Interference Analysis Report included with the modification of license application in FCC File No. SES-MOD-INTR2013-00496.

Grant of the instant STA request will serve the public interest by enabling DigitalGlobe, Inc. to commence consolidation of its existing and newly acquired EESS operations without delay and assure the continued safe operation of the two subject space craft.

In summary, and on the basis of the information provided above, DG Consents respectfully requests, for a period of 60 days commencing on March 6, 2013, special temporary authority to permit communications between its Prudhoe Bay earth station and GeoEye-1 and IKONOS space stations.