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Re: **Thrane & Thrane A/S Trading as Cobham SATCOM Request for Waiver of Part 87 Rules to Allow Equipment Authorization of an Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Service Transceiver (AVIATOR 200/300/350 Series)**

Dear Mr. Noel:

Pursuant to Section 1.925 of the Commission's Rules, Thrane & Thrane A/S Trading as Cobham SATCOM ("Thrane & Thrane" or "Cobham"), by its attorney, hereby requests waiver of Sections 87.131, 87.137, 87.139(i)(1) note 2, and 87.141(j) of the Commission's Rules to permit certification of its next-generation aeronautical-mobile satellite service ("AMSS") transceiver, the 5040A Satellite BGAN Unit ("5040A"). The transceiver will support the Inmarsat SwiftBroadband aircraft communications service.

Under Section 1.925, the FCC may grant waiver if "[t]he underlying purpose of the rule(s) would not be served or would be frustrated by application to the instant case, and that a grant of the waiver would be in the public interest or; [i]n view of unique or unusual factual circumstances of the instant case, application of the rule(s) would be inequitable, unduly burdensome or contrary to the public interest, or the applicant has no reasonable alternative."¹

The FCC has granted similar waivers of the Part 87 rules to EMS, Honeywell International, Inc. and Rockwell Collins, Inc. to permit authorization of similar equipment,² finding "waiver would be in the public interest" because "current Part 87 rules do not allow for the wider bandwidth, higher transmission speeds and more efficient modulation techniques of newer AMSS

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.925(b)(3).

² See Letter dated April 9, 2010, from Bruce A. Olcott to James Shaffer, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Stamp Grant Apr. 29, 2010) ("EMS Stamp Grant"); Rockwell Collins, Inc. equipment authorization for the HST-2110B and HST-2120B transceivers, FCC ID AUK8222232 and AUK8222234 (2008); Honeywell International, Inc. equipment authorization for the HD-128 transceiver, FCC ID G68HD-128 (2007).

systems.”³ Grant here would also serve the public interest by allowing the 5040A to provide high-speed data and voice capabilities on aircraft.

Description of the Equipment

The 5040A, part of the AVIATOR 200/300/350 system, supports Inmarsat SwiftBroadband signals using BPSK, QPSK and 16QAM. The 5016A High Power Amplifier, Low Noise Amplifier, Diplexer (“HLD”) combines and amplifies the 5040A signals for transmission. Models 200, 300, and 350 differ in that each uses a different antenna. The electronics are the same.

The AVIATOR 200/300/350 systems provide one baseband communication channel capable of supporting simultaneous full-duplex of SwiftBroadband functionality. The System functions in the 1525-1559 MHz receive band and 1626.5-1660.5 MHz transmit band. Additionally, the transceiver meets the applicable requirement of RTCA/DO-210D “Minimum Operational Performance Standard for Geosynchronous Orbit Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Services (AMSS) Avionics” as well as ARINC Characteristic 781.

The 5040A transceiver will meet the technical requirement of Part 87 AMSS rules with respect to output power, spurious emissions, intermodulation and frequency stability. As the FCC has acknowledged, Inmarsat’s SwiftBroadband service “offers higher data rates by utilizing more efficient modulation techniques.”⁴ Grant of the instant waiver request would serve the public interest because the Part 87 rules have not yet been updated to reflect the Inmarsat SwiftBroadband emission types and bandwidths.

A more detailed description of the equipment and the specific rules for which waiver is requested is attached under the company’s letterhead. A copy of FCC Form 159 showing payment of the \$210 waiver fee is enclosed.

³ Request of EMS Technologies Canada, Ltd. for Waiver of Part 87 Emission Mask to Allow Certification and Use of Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Service Transceiver, 26 FCC Rcd 8824 (WTB 2011).

⁴ EMS Stamp Grant, at 2.

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Please contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

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