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

RE: *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report (WT Docket No. 01-309)*

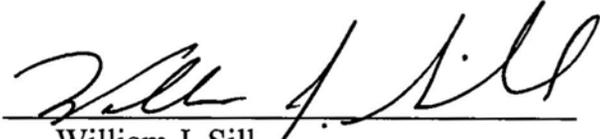
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report and Order*,<sup>1</sup> attached please find a Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report submitted on behalf of Global Telecommunications International, Inc.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions that you may have at (202) 783-4141.

Sincerely,

WILKINSON BARKER KNAUER, LLP

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Attachment

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<sup>1</sup> Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones, WT Docket No. 01-309, Report and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 16753 (2003).

## **HEARING AID-COMPATIBILITY STATUS REPORT**

May 17, 2006

Global Telecommunications International, Inc.

Licensee of:

WPOJ756 BTA057 Block C  
WQBG689 BTA400 Block F

The instant Hearing Aid Compatibility Status Report is filed on behalf Global Telecommunications International, Inc. ("Global Telecommunications"), as required by the Commission's *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report and Order*.<sup>1</sup> This report is being submitted on behalf of Global Telecommunications in order to provide the Commission with the current status of Global Telecommunications' efforts and progress toward compliance with the Commission's hearing aid-compatibility requirements. In preparing the instant Report, Global Telecommunications followed the guidelines the Commission set forth in its *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report and Order*.<sup>2</sup>

### **Licensee Name and Contact Information: Global Telecommunications International, Inc.**

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### **Licensee's Relationship to Equipment Manufacturers:**

Global Telecommunications is a small carrier that currently provides only roaming service. Further, Global Telecommunications does not presently have any subscribers of its own and does not offer handsets.

### **Licensees Hearing Aid-Compatibility Efforts to Date:**

Global Telecommunications has kept abreast, as best it can, of vendors' hearing aid-compatible handset offerings. Global Telecommunications has contacted several third party vendors and equipment manufacturers and requested the latest information related

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<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at ¶ 89.

to the status of these plans to provide hearing aid-compatible handsets.

**Phone Models which Manufacturers State are Hearing Aid-Compatibility Compliant ('HAC'):**

Global Telecommunications provides GSM service only to roamers on its system and Global Telecommunications does not sell GSM handsets. Global Telecommunications intends on implementing CDMA service during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2006. Upon launch, Global Telecommunications will ensure that at least two of the new CDMA handsets will be hearing aid-compatible.

**Phone Models that Manufacturers State are Compatible with Hearing Aids:**

As noted, Global Telecommunications does not presently offer handsets for sale. Global Telecommunications will defer to manufacturers and carriers presently offering handsets.

**Retail Availability of Compliant Phones:**

Global Telecommunications does not offer handsets for sale. Upon provision of CDMA service to its subscribers, Global Telecommunications will offer at least two compliant handsets in its retail outlets.

**Total Number of Compliant and Non-Compliant Phones Offered:**

Global Telecommunications does not presently offer handsets for sale.

**Information Regarding Differences in Handset Offerings Among Regions in Service Areas (For Service Providers Only):**

Global Telecommunications does not have its own subscribers nor does it presently offer handsets for sale.

**Efforts to Incorporate Hearing Aid-Compatibility into Newer Models:**

Global Telecommunications intends to initiate a CDMA-based service in the near future. Global Telecommunications will focus its efforts on obtaining the HAC CDMA handset models from its third party vendors. Global Telecommunications understands that when it provides CDMA service to its own subscribers, it will comply with the Commission's HAC requirements.

**Activities Related to ANSI C63.19 or other Standards of Work:**

Global Telecommunications will continue to keep abreast of developments in hearing aid-compatible handsets through third party vendors, review of manufacturers' publicly available documents, and consultation with its counsel.

### **Ongoing Efforts for Interoperability Testing with Hearing Aids:**

Due to its status as a small carrier, Global Telecommunications is reliant upon handset manufacturers and industry standards groups to work towards a standard for interoperability testing as well as to conduct such tests.

### **Product Labeling Information:**

Once Global Telecommunications begins offering its subscribers with new handsets through its retail stores, Global Telecommunications understands and will comply with the Commission's requirement that service providers ensure that information concerning hearing aid-compatible handsets, and more particularly a handset's U-Rating, is made visible to its subscribers.

### **Outreach Efforts:**

As CDMA subscribers are signed-up, Global Telecommunications plans to educate them on the HAC handsets that will be offered through the following efforts:

- Global Telecommunications will supply its retail staff with informational materials concerning the compliant handsets and accessories;
- Global Telecommunications will provide literature concerning compliant handsets and accessories and make it available at Global Telecommunications' retail stores; and
- Global Telecommunications will revise its web site to make available hearing aid-compatible related information relating to the handsets offered.