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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Robert M. Franklin, Trustee/Inmarsat plc**
IB DK No. 08-143 (DA 08-1659, Rel. July 14, 2008)
ISP-PDR-20080618-00013

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Department of Justice (“DOJ”), including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), with the concurrence of the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), requests that the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) defer action on the above-referenced matter, which involves a series of applications pursuant to sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, seeking approval of the indirect transfer of control of Stratos Global Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, and together with Stratos Global, that hold licenses and authorizations from the Commission from an irrevocable trust, for which Mr. Franklin is the trustee, to Inmarsat. DOJ, DHS, and FBI (“the Agencies”) are currently reviewing this matter for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues but have not yet completed that effort. We therefore request that the Commission defer action until

such time as the Agencies notify the Commission of the completion of their review and, based on the results of such review, request appropriate action by the Commission.

DOJ, FBI, and DHS will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of our review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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