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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Engineering and Technology
Experimental Licensing Branch
Washington, DC. 20554

Re: Request for Expedited Processing and Grant by October 31, 2006

General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products, Inc.

Application For Special Temporary Authority
File No. 0734-EX-ST-2006 (Conf. #: EL913098)

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of General Dynamics Armament and Technical Products, Inc. ("GDATP"), this letter is to accompany the above-referenced application ("STA Request") wherein GDATP requests that the Commission grant special temporary authority ("STA") to permit GDATP to operate the facilities (the "Facilities") specified in the STA Request.

As explained in the attached STA Request, the testing performed at the Marion Test Range Facilities in Marion, VA is related to GDATP's contracts with various defense contractors and the United States Government for the development, manufacture, characterization, and acceptance testing of military and commercial radomes. The testing at the Marion Test Facilities is a critical part of the development and manufacture of military radomes provided to the Armed Forces of the United States.

As explained herein, this specific STA Request supports the C-17 Military Transport Aircraft radome. This is the U. S. Airforce's premier heavy lift jet-powered transport aircraft due to its ability to land up to 169,000 pounds of cargo on runways less than 3,000 feet in austere conditions. The ongoing operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, along with other commitments, have placed a high utilization rate on the transport aircraft fleet. Failure to deliver radomes on schedule could result in aircraft being unavailable for deployment to support U. S. and Allied military logistical requirements. Due to this high

utilization rate radomes and other spare parts are sometimes diverted to meet Aircraft On Ground (AOG) requirements, and GDATP must respond immediately to these orders.

Expedited grant of an STA is being requested in this case to permit the required acceptance testing of radomes. It is highly important that the expedited STA be granted to support current, ongoing military operations. As stated above, the testing at the Marion Test Range Facilities is a critical part of the manufacture and delivery of military radomes provided to the Armed Forces in support of current war efforts.

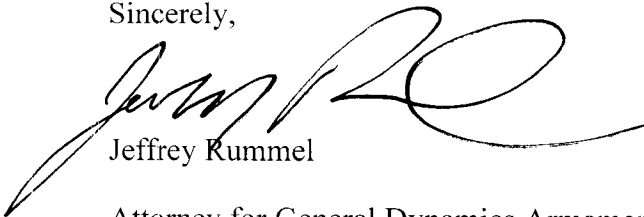
It is further noted that the instant contract is a "rated order" (DXA1) under applicable military procedures and therefore the instant application reflects an experiment of importance to the nation's military effort. Based on currently identified contract delivery dates, it is essential that the range testing specified in this STA Request commence ***no later than October 31, 2006.***

GDATP apologizes for submitting this application with such short notice - however, the company has no choice but to pursue expedited processing as requested herein.

For the foregoing reasons, expedited review and approval of this STA Request is in the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Should any questions arise with respect to the instant STA Request, please do not hesitate to contact undersigned counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Rummel', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Jeffrey Rummel

Attorney for General Dynamics Armament and
Technical Products, Inc.