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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Subject: Reference FCC File Number SES-ASG-20010404-00896**

Dear Ms. Salas:

ARINC Incorporated ("ARINC"), headquartered at 2551 Riva Road, Annapolis Maryland, is an aeronautical engineering company providing worldwide communications and air traffic control services to, among others, airlines and civil aviation authorities. In that endeavor, ARINC purchases and resells aeronautical Inmarsat mobile satellite services (MSS) that rely on ground earth station (GES) processing and distribution facilities owned and operated by several international telecommunications companies.

Currently, ARINC enjoys relationships with several Inmarsat GES providers, including Comsat Mobile Communications ("CMC") and Telenor Satellite Services, AS. As part of its service offerings, ARINC resells Inmarsat Aero-H, Aero-L, Aero-I, and Aero-H+ services from both CMC and Telenor. ARINC believes that the merger of CMC and Telenor will harm neither ARINC's interests or the interests of those whom it serves. Accordingly, ARINC generally supports the sale of CMC to Telenor.

ARINC is appreciative of the opportunity to express its view of the pending CMC/Telenor merger. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 266-2128 if you require additional information.

Regards,



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Director, GLOBALink InFlight Communications

cc: John C. Smith, General Counsel