



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

APR 11 2013

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of defense articles, to include technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the transfer of defense articles, to include technical data, and defense services to support the design, development, manufacture, test, long-term support, and on-ground delivery of SES-9 commercial communications satellite to the United Kingdom.

The United States government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations. This notification should not be interpreted as the Department's conclusion that the applicant or any manufacturer, supplier or vendor or other entity related to it has not violated any of the statutes enumerated at 22 U.S.C. 2778(g) with respect to this or other related transactions. The Department reserves its ability to approve or deny this transaction.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas B. Gibbons".

Thomas B. Gibbons  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DDTC 13-023

The Honorable

John A. Boehner,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.