United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including 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 Bermuda, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, the Philippines, Singapore, and Sweden for design, development, manufacture, test (including in-orbit testing), long-term support, and on-ground delivery of commercial communication satellites to Asia Broadcast Satellite Holdings Ltd. (ABS) in Bermuda as part of the ABS/Satelites Mexicanos, SA. de C.V. (SATMEX) joint program.

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

The Honorable
John A. Boehner,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

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