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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**
IB Docket No. 01-185; ET Docket No. 00-258

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 23, 2002, representatives of ICO Global Communications (Holdings) Ltd. (“ICO”), Gerry Salemme, Suzanne Hutchings and the undersigned, met with Bryan Tramont, senior legal advisor, and Catherine Hilke, legal intern, in the office of Chairman Michael Powell.

We reviewed the status of the ancillary terrestrial component (“ATC”) proceeding and focused on gating factors that could be implemented to ensure that mobile satellite providers’ use of terrestrial service remains ancillary to their satellite operations. We noted that the gating factors proposed in the ATC notice of proposed rulemaking were fully adequate to ensure ancillary use of terrestrial operations but noted that additional geographic, operational or financial gating factors that provide positive incentives to MSS operators also could be considered. We also discussed MSS providers’ spectrum requirements.

We stressed that an expeditious decision in this matter is critical if ICO is to have an opportunity to finance its satellite system in this economic climate.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed electronically using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Cheryl A. Tritt

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