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DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF GLOBAL TEL*LINK CORPORATION TO GORES PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS, INC.

STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

WC Docket No. 04-326

Comments Due: October 5, 2004
Reply Comments Due: October 12, 2004

On August 16, 2004, Global Tel*Link Corporation (“Global”) filed an application, pursuant to sections 63.03 and 63.04 of the Commission’s rules,¹ requesting approval to transfer control of Global to Gores Portfolio Holdings, Inc. (“Gores” or “transferee”) (collectively the “Applicants”).²

Applicants assert that this transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment, pursuant to section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission’s rules, because immediately following the transactions: (1) Applicants and their affiliates combined will hold less than a ten percent (10%) share of the interstate, interexchange market; (2) to the extent that Applicants or their Affiliates provide U.S. local exchange services or exchange access services, those services are provided only in geographic areas served by a dominant local exchange carrier that is not a party to the transaction, and; (3) none of the Applicants or their Affiliates are dominant with respect to any U.S. domestic service.³

Global, a corporation organized under Delaware law, provides inmate and debit card services. Global is wholly owned by Schlumberger Technologies, Inc. Gores, a corporation organized under Delaware law, does not provide telecommunications services. Gores is a 10%

¹ 47 C.F.R §§ 63.03, 63.04; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214.

² Applicants are also filing an application for consent to transfer control of authorization for international services. Any action on this domestic 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related pending applications.

³ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

or greater owner of Voicecom Telecommunications, LLC , a non-dominant provider of enhanced call answering services such as automated attendants, customized interactive voice response systems, voicemail, voice messaging, and conference calling.⁴ The following entities will have a 10 percent or greater interest in Gores: Gores Alternative Investments, I, L.P. (Gores I), 25%; Gores Alternative Investments, II, L.P. (Gores II), 25%; Gores Co-Invest Partnership, L.P. (Gores Co-Invest), 17.5%. Gores Capital Advisors, LLC (Gores Capital) will be a General Partner in Gores I, Gores II, and Gores Co-Invest. Gores Technology Group, LLC (Gores Technology) will be a Managing Member of Gores Capital and Alec E. Gores will be a Managing Member of Gores Technology.

On July 16, 2004, Gores entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (“Agreement”) with Schlumberger under which Gores will purchase 100 percent of the stock of Global.

The Applicants assert that the proposed transfer of control is in the public interest because it will provide Global with access to the financial and operational resources required to strengthen its position in the telecommunications marketplace nationwide. The Applicants assert that the principal effect of the proposed Transaction will be financial and no Gores affiliate currently provides inmate only services. Applicants state that, as a result, Gores’s acquisition of Global will not result in any consolidation of inmate only providers. Applicants assert that the proposed Transaction will be entirely transparent to consumers of Global’s services and will not have any effect on Global’s rates, terms or conditions of service. According to the Applicants, the proposed Transaction will ensure that entities and institutions that purchase inmate only services continue to have a choice of high-quality service providers. Applicants also assert that the proposed Transaction will allow Applicants to combine their complementary management teams to create a company better equipped to accelerate its growth as a competitive telecommunications service provider.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The transfer of control identified herein has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission’s rules and policies. Interested parties may file **comments on or before October 5, 2004** and **reply comments on or before October 12, 2004.**⁵ Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, Applicants are permitted to transfer control on the 31st day after the date of this notice.⁶ Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

⁴ See Letter from Jean L. Kiddoo and Edward S. Quill, Jr., Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP to Marlene Dortch, FCC, WC Docket No. 04-326, dated September 17, 2004.

⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a).

⁶ Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the subject line "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

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