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## STREAMLINED SUBMARINE CABLE LANDING LICENSE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

Unless otherwise specified, the following procedures apply to the applications listed below:

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing and subject to the streamlined processing procedures set forth in section 1.767 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767. Pursuant to the Submarine Cable Landing License Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39, and Executive Order No. 10530, reprinted as amended in 3 U.S.C. § 301, each applicant seeks: (a) the grant of a cable landing licensee; (b) the modification of a cable landing license; and/or (c) the assignment or transfer of control of an interest in a submarine cable landing license.

Pursuant to its decision in *Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Cable Landing License Act*, IB Docket No. 00-106, FCC 01-332, 16 FCC Rcd 22167 (2001) and section 1.767 of the rules, the Commission will take action upon these applications within forty-five (45) days after release of this public notice, unless the Commission has informed the applicant in writing that the application, upon further examination, has been deemed ineligible for streamlined processing.

Ex parte communications between outside parties and Commission staff concerning these applications are permitted subject to the Commission's rules for "permit-but-disclose proceedings." See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. Filings relating to this application must be received within 14 days of this notice. Such filings will not necessarily result in an application being deemed ineligible for streamlined processing.

Copies of all applications listed here are available for public inspection in the FCC Reference and Information Center, located in room CY-A257 at the Portals 2 building, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington DC 20554. The center can be contacted at (202) 418-0270. All applications listed are subject to further consideration and review, and may be returned and/or dismissed if not found to be in accordance with the Commission's rules, regulations, and other requirements.

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**SCL-LIC-20050418-00010**

Applicant: GLOBAL CARIBBEAN NETWORK

Application for a license to land and operate a fiber-optic submarine cable system on a non-common carrier basis, the Global Caribbean Network (“GCN Network”) cable system, extending between Puerto Rico, Guadeloupe, Saint Martin (Fr.), St. Barthélemy, and St. Croix. Global Caribbean Network (“GCN”) is a newly formed limited partnership headquartered in Guadeloupe and organized under the laws of France.

GCN’s majority holder, AutoGaudeloupe Investissement (“AGI”), a public limited company organized under the laws of France, holds an 85 % equity interest in GCN. Semsamar and Mediaserve are the minority owners of GCN, holding a 10% and 5% interest respectively.

The majority owner of AGI is S.A. L. Loret et Compagnie, also a public limited company organized under the laws of France, which holds a 61.5 % equity interest in AGI. The principal remaining owners of AGI are two French citizens who own 21.79 and 12.4 % equity interest in AGI respectively.

The application specifies six (6) landing points for the proposed GCN system , in San Juan, Puerto Rico; Baie-Mahault and Baillif in Guadeloupe, Saint-Martin (Fr.); St. Barthélemy; and Frederikstad, St. Croix. With a capacity of minimum 30 Gbps using one fiber pair, the proposed system will be comprised of 8 fiber pairs between Guadeloupe and Saint-Martin, 8 fiber pairs between Saint-Martin and St. Barthélemy, 6 fiber pairs between Saint-Martin and Puerto Rico, 2 fiber pairs between Saint Martin and St. Croix, 2 fiber pairs between St. Croix and Puerto Rico. The application further states that a potential additional segment under consideration would extend the network to St. Kitts, St Eustatius and Saba.

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**REMINDERS:**

Applicants must certify that neither the applicant nor any party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits by federal and/or state courts under authority granted in 21 U.S.C. § 862. *See* C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003.

The Commission most recently amended its rules applicable to submarine cable landing licensees in IB Docket No. 00-106, *Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Cable Landing License Act*, FCC 01-332, 16 FCC Rcd 22167 (2001), 67 Fed. Reg. 1615 (Jan. 14, 2001). An updated version of section 1.767 of the rules, and other related sections, is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/td/pf/telecomrules.html>. *See also* [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edoc\\_public/attachmatch/DA-02-5981A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edoc_public/attachmatch/DA-02-5981A1.pdf) for a March 13, 2002 Public Notice; [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-01-332A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-01-332A1.pdf) for the December 14, 2001 Report and Order.

By this notice, we inform the public that submarine cable landing license applications and international section 214 applications that are part of larger transactions involving multiple Commission licenses or authorizations may involve “extraordinary circumstances” as referenced in *Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Cable Landing License Act*, Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 22167 (2001) and *Rules and Policies on Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Market*, Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, 12 FCC Rcd 23891 (1997), paras. 327-28, Order on Reconsideration, 15 FCC Rcd 18158 (2000).

Additionally, these extraordinary circumstances may result where Executive Branch agencies petition the Commission to defer decision on certain transactions pending the resolution of potential national security, law enforcement, foreign policy and trade policy issues.

Accordingly, these applications may not be acted on within the 90-day review period that the Commission has established as the period of time normally required to reach a decision on non-streamlined cable landing licenses and international section 214 applications. This notice shall serve as public notice to applicants that, in these circumstances, additional time may be required for Commission review and final action. No additional formal public notice will be provided routinely with respect to specific applications in the event that the applicable review period extends beyond 90 days.

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