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**DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF  
NOBELTEL, LLC TO MR. RICHARD MAHFOUZ**

**STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 09-198**

**Comments Due: November 16, 2009**

**Reply Comments Due: November 23, 2009**

On October 28, 2009, NobelTel, LLC (NobelTel or Applicant) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules<sup>1</sup> seeking approval to transfer control of NobelTel from its current owners to Mr. Richard Mahfouz. NobelTel, a Delaware limited liability company, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nobel, Inc., a privately held Delaware corporation owned by Mr. Thomas Knobel (96 percent) and Mr. Michael Knobel (4 percent), both U.S. citizens. NobelTel provides resold interstate and intrastate interexchange service in all states and the District of Columbia, except Alaska. Mr. Richard Mahfouz is a U.S. citizen. Applicants state that, after the proposed transaction, NobelTel will not have any affiliates that offer domestic telecommunications services. Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Nobel Holding, Inc., a Delaware corporation and newly formed holding company owned by Mr. Mahfouz, will purchase 100 percent of the shares of Nobel, Inc. Applicant asserts that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>2</sup>

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of NobelTel, LLC to  
Mr. Richard Mahfouz, WC Docket No. 09-198 (filed Oct. 28, 2009).

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The transfer of assets 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 application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants are also filing applications for transfer of control associated with authorization for international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before November 16, 2009**, and reply comments **on or before November 23, 2009**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of this notice.<sup>3</sup> Comments must be filed electronically using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or (2) the Federal Government's e-Rulemaking Portal. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a) ("All comments on streamlined applications shall be filed electronically . . ."); *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>, or the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
- For ECFS filers, if multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, filers must transmit one electronic copy of the comments for each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, filers 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, filers should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov) and include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in response.

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<sup>3</sup> Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.