



American Seafoods Company

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Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: FCC file no. SES-ASG-20010504-00896

Dear Magalie Roman Salas:

I am writing to comment on the proposed purchase of CMC by Telenor. American Seafoods Company (ASC) has been a major customer of CMC since our company was founded in 1988. ASC operates a fleet of large harvesting and processing vessels that fish primarily in the Bering Sea, off the coast of Alaska. Reliable satellite communications are critical to our fishing operations and vessel safety. The fishing industry is one of the most dangerous occupations in the world and we depend heavily on satellite communications for weather forecasts, medical emergencies, distress calls, and the daily transmission of data critical to maintaining a profitable business.

We have always found CMC's service to be first rate and believe that their integration with Telenor will result in even greater benefits to their customers. With the combined assets of CMC and Telenor and resulting economies of scale, CMC/Telenor should be able to offer more competitive rates, increased services, greater network flexibility, and new technology. In addition, CMC/Telenor will be able to provide Inmarsat service to the full global market using its own facilities, which neither company can provide on its own.

Telenor has committed to hiring virtually all of CMC's employees and purchasing all of CMC's assets, including the only two Inmarsat earth stations located in the U.S. This transaction will benefit American consumers as well as ensure the strength and continued growth of these earth stations.

We strongly urge you to approve the application submitted by CMC and Telenor allowing the assignment of CMC's licenses and authorizations to Telenor. If you need any additional information feel free to contact me at any time.

Best Regards,



Jan L. Jacobs
Director of Government Affairs
American Seafoods Company