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FROM: Ross W. Norsworthy, President, Ross Engineering Company

RE: Satisfaction of the IPR "code of practice" for the approval of ITU-R recommendations, in particular, our correspondence concerning the intentions of the patent-holder to waive his rights to a patent for AIS applications.

Dear Director,

In accordance with your policy on intellectual property rights, I hereby waive my rights (per paragraph 2.1 of your policy) to my patent that is pending, Application Number: 60/044,851, Filing Date: April 25, 1997, Foreign Filing License Granted: August 20, 1997, Titled: "A DSC BROADCAST MODE UTILIZING STRUCTURED TDMA TECHNIQUES" (please see attached), for any implementation of an approved ITU-R recommendation for AIS.

Since administrations are expected to draft proposals for recommendations for AIS (automatic identification systems) to be approved in the next session of ITU-R Working Party 8B/C which are intended to meet the newly-stated draft requirements of IMO NAV 43, "DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR AN UNIVERSAL SHIPBORNE AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AIS)", and since it is yet to be determined which technology is best suited for this application, I hereby make this technology available to be used royalty-free for this purpose. Although the language in the technical disclosure refers to Recommendation ITU-R M.825-2, we cannot determine at this time whether a further extension of this recommendation will be utilized or whether an entirely new recommendation will be drafted. Therefore, I hereby state that this patent may be used freely for any approved ITU-R recommendation for AIS, whether or not any revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.825 is utilized.

Please make this information available to any ITU-R members who request it.
Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Ross W. Norsworthy
President, Ross Engineering Company
Patent-Holder

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Receipt is acknowledged of this Provisional Application. This Provisional Application will not be examined for patentability. Be sure to provide the PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to Box Provisional Application within 10 days of receipt. Please provide a copy of the Provisional Application Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. This Provisional Application will automatically be abandoned twelve (12) months after its filing date and will not be subject to revival to restore it to pending status beyond a date which is after twelve (12) months from its filing date.

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TITLE

DSC BROADCAST MODE UTILIZING STRUCTURED TDMA TECHNIQUES

The patent-holder hereby waives his rights to this patent for any approval ITU-R Recommendation for AIS. This is in accordance with paragraph 2.1 of the ITU-R BR policy on IPR.



Ross W. Norworthy
August 27, 1997