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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Re: **KTHO(AM), South Lake Tahoe, CA**
Facility ID No. 51528
Renewal File No. 0000155930
K241BK, South Lake Tahoe, CA
Facility ID No. 146398
Renewal File No. 0000155931

**Notice of Renewal Dismissal
Notice of License Cancellation**

Dear Licensee:

This letter is to inform you that the licenses of Stations KTHO(AM), and K241BK, South Lake Tahoe, California (collectively, Stations), licensed to International Aerospace Solutions, Inc. (IAS), have expired pursuant to section 312(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act).¹

On May 4, 2021², and October 1, 2021³, we sent IAS letters stating that we had information that the Stations had been off the air or operating with unauthorized facilities since 2018.⁴ Pursuant to section 73.1740 of the Commission's rules (Rules), IAS was required to clarify this matter in writing within thirty

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 312(g). Section 312(g) of the Act provides in pertinent part if a broadcast station fails to transmit broadcast signals with its authorized facilities for any consecutive 12-month period, then the station license granted for the operation of that broadcast station expires at the end of that period, notwithstanding any provision, term, or condition of the license to the contrary, except that the Commission may extend or reinstate such station license to promote equity and fairness.

² *Letter from Albert Shuldiner, Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, FCC to International Aerospace Solutions, Inc.* (May 4, 2021).

³ *Letter from Albert Shuldiner, Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, FCC to International Aerospace Solutions, Inc.* (October 1, 2021).

⁴ We note that the technical Special Temporary Authority (STA) that Station KTHO(AM) was operating pursuant to (See File Nos. BSTA-20210128AAA) expired Aug. 5, 2021. We also note that File No. BSTA-20210820AAA for K241BK, granted August 20, 2021 does not confer authority for Station K241BK to operate when Station KTHO had no authority to operate. Although in each application IAS stated that it had lost its tower site as the basis for the need for STA, it did not state when either Station had stopped operating. In a pending request for extension of STA for KTHO, IAS reiterates its need to locate a new site (See File No. BESTA-20210803AAA).

days of the date of the May 4, 2021 letter, and 10 days from the date of the October 1, 2021 letter. To date, we have received no response to our letters from IAS.⁵

The letters notified IAS that observations by FCC Field Office personnel and public complaints indicated that Station KTHO had been silent since December 2018, after its transmission equipment was deemed abandoned and seized by the tower owner due to nonpayment of rent. The letters also noted that in 2019, and 2020, according to observations by FCC Field Office personnel and public complaints, Station K241BK was heard on the air, while Station KTHO's signal was not observed on its channel, in apparent violation of section 74.1231 of the Commission's Rules.⁶

Based on the lack of response, we have concluded that the Stations' licenses have expired pursuant to section 312(g). Therefore, the Commission's public and internal databases HAVE BEEN MODIFIED to indicate that the broadcast licenses for the referenced Stations are EXPIRED, that the Stations' licenses are CANCELLED as a matter of law, and that the Stations' call signs are DELETED. In addition, the Stations' license renewal applications⁷ are DISMISSED.

We also note that it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the Stations' towers shall be maintained.⁸

If you have any questions concerning the content of this letter, please contact Victoria McCauley, Attorney, by phone at (202) 418-2136 or via e-mail at Victoria.McCauley@FCC.gov.

Sincerely,

Albert Shuldiner

Albert Shuldiner
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cc (via electronic mail):
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⁵ We did receive an email response from IAS counsel, which indicates that the Stations are operating at an unauthorized location. *See email from Barry Wood, Esq. to Victoria McCauley, Attorney, Audio Division, Media Bureau, FCC* (Oct. 19, 2021 2:37 EDT).

⁶ Pursuant to section 74.1231(b) of the rules, a translator station cannot originate local programming, except as allowed in sections 74.1231(f) (requesting financial support), (g) (notifying of imminent danger), or (h) (FM translator for AM daytime-only station may continue to transmit programming when the AM station is off the air for the night). *See* 47 CFR § 74.1231.

⁷ Application File No. 0000155930 (KTHO) and Application File No. 0000155931 (K241BK).

⁸ *See* 47 CFR §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).