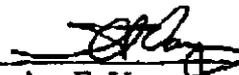


GUARANTEE OF TRICOM, S.A.

Tricom, S.A. hereby guarantees the performance of obligations of Tricom USA, Inc. specifically arising as a result of those services provided under the *Certificate of Interexchange Authority to Operate as a Reseller of Telecommunications Services Throughout the Entire State of Illinois*, granted by the State of Illinois.

Except as specifically provided hereinabove, Tricom, S.A. does not guarantee the performance of any obligations of Tricom USA, Inc.

Dated: January 2, 2001

By: 
Carlos F. Vargas
Vice President of Corporate Center
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