

EXHIBIT A

**TECHNICAL ANNEX FOR
APEX ARIES 1 SATELLITE**

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I. SCOPE AND PURPOSE

This exhibit offers additional technical information regarding the Apex Aries 1 non-geostationary orbit (“NGSO”) satellite.

II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The following tables capture Apex Aries 1’s radiofrequency and earth station characteristics. (Note: given the complex frequency arrangement, Apex submits Table 1 and Table 2. This submission is consistent with how non-federal operators coordinate with co-frequency federal operators in the FCC Part 25 process and should suffice for the FCC Part 5 process coordination. In an abundance of caution, Apex submits the National Telecommunications and Information Administration space record data form that captures this same information.)

Table 1: Frequency Plan

Beam ID ¹	UDA	UDB	UUA	SDA	SDB	SUA	SUB	XDA	XDB	XDC	XDD
Description	UHF Downlink (Space-to-Earth)	UHF Downlink (Space-to-Earth)	UHF Uplink (Earth-to-Space)	S-band Downlink (Space-to-Earth)	S-band Downlink (Space-to-Earth)	S-band Uplink (Earth-to-Space)	S-band Uplink (Earth-to-Space)	X-band Downlink (Space-to-Earth)	X-band Downlink (Space-to-Earth)	X-band Downlink (Space-to-Earth)	X-band Downlink (Space-to-Earth)
Frequency Band (MHz) ²	400.15-401; 401-402 ³	400.15-401; 401-402 ⁴	402-403	2200-2290	2200-2290	2025-2110	2025-2110	8025-8400	8025-8400	8025-8400	8025-8400
Bandwidth	2.64 kHz	65.280 kHz	5.76 kHz	168.8 kHz	1 MHz	150 kHz	150 kHz	13.5 MHz	100 MHz	13.5 MHz	100 MHz
Transmit Power (dBW)	0.8	3	-9.2	-8.45	-0.72	20	16	0	3	0	3
Transmit Antenna Gain (dBi)	0	0	16.2	6	5	40	39.4	17	17	17	17
EIRP (dBW)	0.8	3	7	-2.5	4.3	60	55.4	17	20	17	20
Polarization	Linear	Linear	Linear	RHCP	RHCP	RHCP	RHCP	RHCP	RHCP	RHCP	RHCP
Receive Antenna G/T (dB/K)	-19	-19	-31.3	12.6	12.6	-39.0	-39.0	29.5	29.5	30.5	30.5

¹ The precise center frequency will be inside the listed band but is not finalized because coordination remains pending.

² Apex Aries 1 will passively receive Global Positioning System or GPS L1 (1575.42 MHz), L2 (1227.60 MHz), and L5 (1575.42 MHz) signals for on-orbit determination. Such operations are with pre-existing signals that have not been altered to provide service to Apex Aries 1. *See, e.g.*, Loft Orbital Solutions Inc., Stamp Grant, IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-20220606-00057, at n.4 (granted Nov. 15, 2022); Spire Global, Inc., Stamp Grant, IBFS File No. SAT-MOD-20200603-00065, at 3 (granted Nov. 9, 2022).

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Table 2: Earth Station Plan

Earth Station Location	Coordinates	# Passes Per Day	Average Contact Duration Per Day (Minutes)	GS Rx (Beam ID)	GS Tx (Beam ID)
Pretoria, South Africa	25.86° S, 28.45° E	4	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDA XDB	SUA UUA
Boden, Sweden	65.8° N, 21.68° E	11	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDA XDB	SUA UUA
Australia	34.04° S, 150.77° E	<1 (only specific activities)	8 min pass avg	SDA SDB XDC XDD	SUB
Bahrain	26.05° N, 50.5° E	<1 (only specific activities)	8 min pass avg	SDA SDB XDC XDD	SUB
Ireland	53.4 ° N, 6.22° W	<1 (only specific activities)	8 min pass avg	SDA SDB XDC XDD	SUB
Peterborough, Southern Australia	32° 57' 43.2" S, 138° 50' 58.2" E	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDC XDD	UUA SUB
Nangetty, Western Australia	29° 00' 37.5" S, 115° 20' 30.0" E	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDC XDD	UUA SUB
Absheron, Azerbaijan	40° 27' 58.6" N, 49° 29' 08.9" E	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA	UUA SUB

Earth Station Location	Coordinates	# Passes Per Day	Average Contact Duration Per Day (Minutes)	GS Rx (Beam ID)	GS Tx (Beam ID)
				SDB XDC XDD	
Plana, Bulgaria	42° 28' 58.6" N, 23° 26' 43.0" E	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDC XDD	UUA SUB
Puertollano, Spain	38° 40' 26.5" N, 4° 09' 43.3" W	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDC XDD	UUA SUB
Blönduós, Iceland	65° 38' 50.5" N, 20° 14' 45.9" W	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDC XDD	UUA SUB
Vimercate, Italy	45° 35' 36.0" N, 09° 21' 44.0" E	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDC XDD	UUA SUB
Lomazzo, Italy	45° 41' 50.0" N, 09° 02' 05.0" E	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDC XDD	UUA SUB
Kandy, Sri Lanka	7° 16' 27.2" N, 80° 43' 29.5" E	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDC XDD	UUA SUB
Awarua, New Zealand	46° 31' 41.2" S, 168° 22' 45.1" E	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB	UUA SUB

Earth Station Location	Coordinates	# Passes Per Day	Average Contact Duration Per Day (Minutes)	GS Rx (Beam ID)	GS Tx (Beam ID)
		purposes)		SDA SDB XDC XDD	
Santa Maria, Azores, Portugal	36° 59' 51.2" N, 25° 08' 14.3" W	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDC XDD	UUA SUB
Unst, Shetland, United Kingdom	60° 44' 52.8" N, 00° 51' 28.8" W	<1 (only for backup purposes)	8 min pass avg	UDA UDB SDA SDB XDC XDD	UUA SUB

The following table captures all the satellite payloads.⁵

Table 3: Payloads⁶

Payload	Function
Astroscale Docking Plate	docking plate flight heritage
Apex Payload Camera	diagnostic camera for solar array deployment and tumbling verification
Ubotica XE-2	edge compute processor for in-space computation demonstration
Ubotica CogniSAT	diagnostic camera for wide field-of-view imaging of solar array deployment and tumbling verification
Northrop Grumman Power Amplifier	X-band power amplifier technical demonstration

III. CESSATION OF TRANSMISSIONS AND STOP BUZZER

Apex Aries 1 will be capable of immediately ceasing operations upon becoming aware of harmful interference in compliance with section 5.84.⁷ The stop buzzer contact information for this mission follows.

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⁵ All will stay on board the satellite.

⁶ None have radiofrequency components requiring licensing except the power amplifier.

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 5.84.

IV. SPECTRUM SHARING ANALYSIS

Interference between Apex Aries 1 and other systems is unlikely. Space operation and space research service systems normally communicate only in short periods of time while visible from the dedicated earth stations (typically less than 10 minutes for a single pass). For interference to occur, either another operator's satellite would have to travel through the antenna beam of Apex Aries 1's serving earth station, or the Apex Aries 1 satellite would have to pass through the antenna beam of the other operator's serving earth station and both systems would need to transmit at the same time on overlapping frequencies. In such a very unlikely event, interference avoidance is possible by coordinating the communications so that they do not occur simultaneously in the time, frequency, and geographic dimensions. Apex commits to such coordination in all frequency bands. Further, as demonstrated in the following sub-sections, Apex Aries 1 satisfies relevant in-band and adjacent-band power limits.

A. In-Band Power Limit Analysis

i. Uplink: 402-403 MHz

Operations are restricted to an EIRP limit of 7 dBW and EIRP density limit of 7 dBW/4 kHz.⁸ Apex will satisfy these limits.

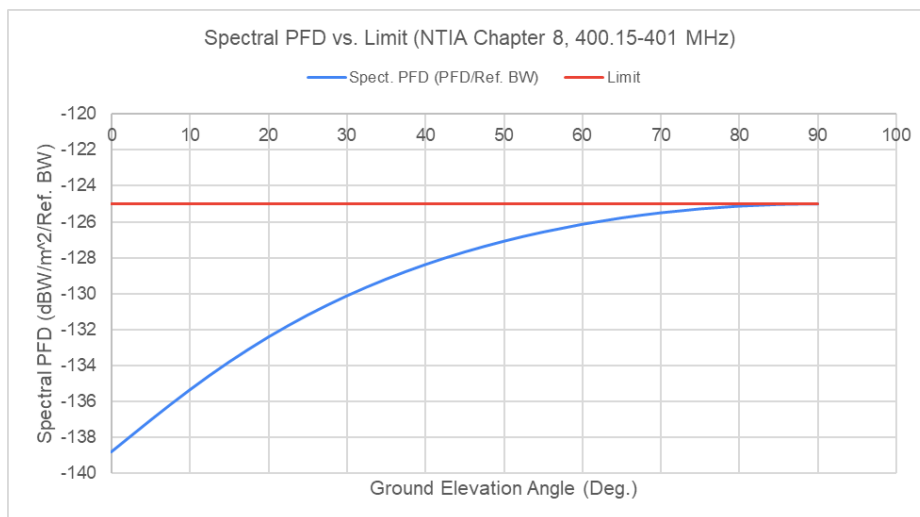
ii. Downlink: 400.15-401 MHz or 401-402 MHz

A power flux-density ("PFD") coordination trigger (-125 dBW/m²/4kHz at all elevation angles) applies in UHF bands for mobile-satellite service systems.⁹ Although the same threshold does not apply to space operation service systems, Apex will not exceed this threshold at a nominal

⁸ See ITU RR No. 5.264A.

⁹ See ITU RR Appendix 5, Annex 1.

550 km altitude.¹⁰ At lower altitudes, Apex Aries 1 will backoff the transmit power to stay within the limit.

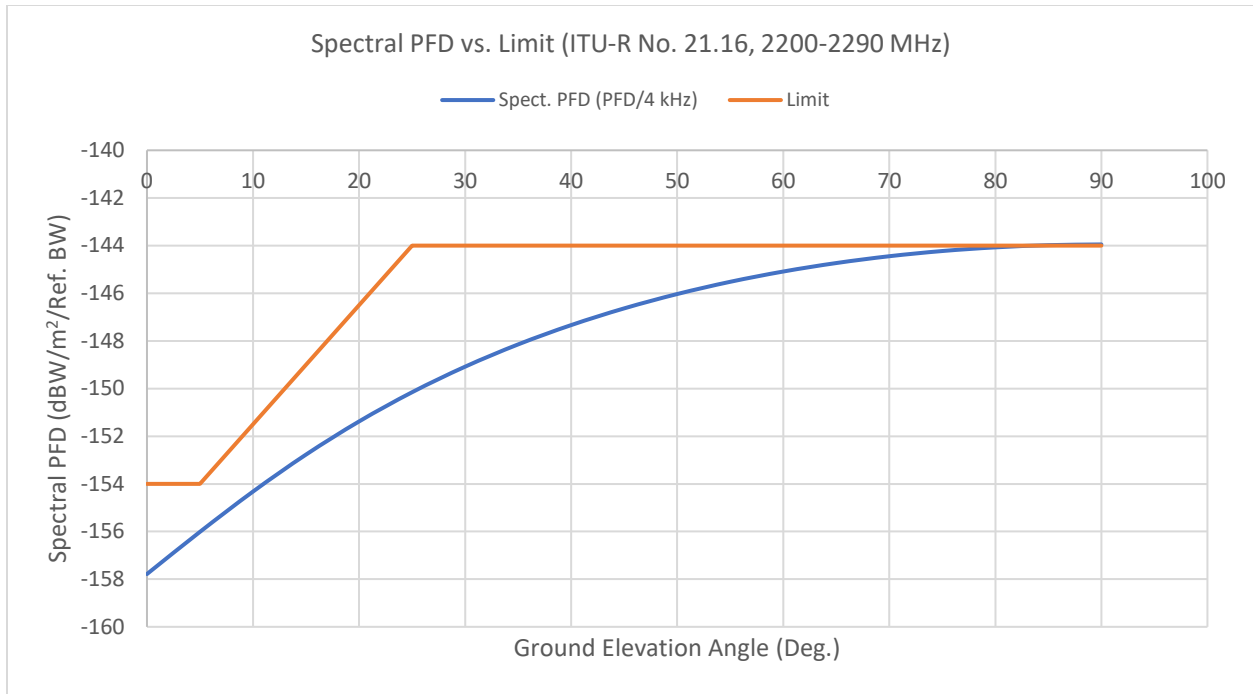


iii. Downlink: 2200-2290 MHz

PFD limits are specified in ITU Radio Regulations Table 21-4. Apex calculated the maximum PFD levels for the Apex Aries 1 transmissions and determined that the downlink PFD levels of the Apex Aries 1 carriers do not exceed the ITU limits. The figure below illustrates the PFD analysis results for the Apex Aries 1 spacecraft downlinking in its maximum EIRP spectral density configuration (-144.6 dBW/m²/4kHz) at a nominal 550 km altitude.¹¹ At lower altitudes, Apex Aries 1 will backoff the transmit power to stay within the limit.

¹⁰ At the time of analysis, this value was the nominal altitude. SpaceX has recently updated it to 525 km +/- 20 km.

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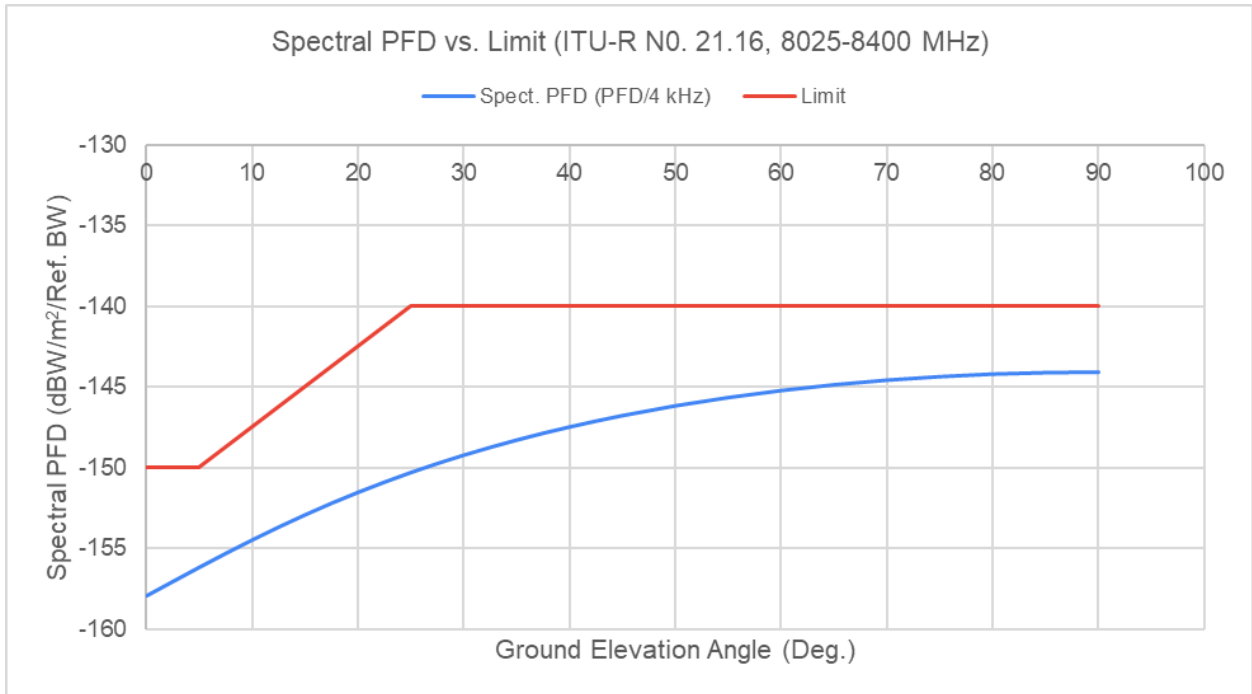


iv. Downlink: 8025-8400 MHz

In this band, co-channel PFD limits apply at the Earth’s surface and geostationary orbit (“GSO”) arc.

Co-channel PFD at Earth’s surface. PFD limits are specified in ITU Radio Regulations Table 21-4. Apex calculated the maximum PFD levels for the Apex Aries 1 transmissions and determined that the downlink PFD levels of the Apex Aries 1 carriers do not exceed the ITU limits. The figure below illustrates the X-band downlink PFD analysis results using its maximum EIRP spectral density configuration (-144.1 dBW/m²/4kHz) at a nominal altitude of 550 km.¹² At lower altitudes, Apex Aries 1 will backoff the transmit power to stay within the limit.

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Co-channel PFD at GSO arc. ITU Radio Regulations No. 22.5 specifies that in the 8025-8400 MHz band the maximum PFD produced at the GSO by any EESS space station shall not exceed -174 dBW/m²/4 kHz. The calculation below shows that Apex Aries 1’s PFD would not exceed that limit even in the worst hypothetical case. Using the worst case (highest potential altitude) orbit of 575 km, the minimum distance to the geostationary orbit would be 35,211 km.¹³ At this orbital distance, for an antenna pointed toward the GSO arc having a maximum EIRP of 17 dBW in a 13.5-megahertz bandwidth, the maximum PFD at the GSO arc would be approximately -180.2 dBW/m²/4 kHz.¹⁴

B. Adjacent-Band Power Limit Analysis

International power spectral density limits protect deep space ground receivers that may

¹³ At the time of analysis, this value was the nominal altitude. SpaceX has recently updated it to 525 km +/- 20 km.

¹⁴ This operation mode is atypical because the NGSO antenna will point toward Earth in normal operation.

operate adjacent to the 2200-2290 MHz and 8025-8400 MHz bands. ITU-R Recommendation SA.1157 specifies the spacecraft power spectral flux density falling within the deep space network band shall be less than $-257 \text{ dBW/m}^2\cdot\text{Hz}$ in 2290-2300 MHz and $-255.1 \text{ dB(W/m}^2\cdot\text{Hz)}$ in 8400-8450 MHz. Apex Aries 1 will meet these limits due to sufficient geographic separation when over Goldstone, California, United States; Canberra, Australia; and Madrid, Spain and/or frequency spacing.

V. ORBITAL DEBRIS RISK MITIGATION PLAN

Apex has completed an orbital debris assessment report (“ODAR”) for Apex Aries 1. See Exhibit B. Apex used the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (“NASA”) Debris Assessment Software (“DAS”) v3.2.4 and is compliant with every NASA standard and relevant FCC rule. The following subsections offer a high-level ODAR summary.

A. Spacecraft Hardware Design

Apex confirms that Apex Aries 1 will not undergo any planned release of debris during its normal operations. In addition, all separation and deployment mechanisms, and any other potential debris source, will be retained by the spacecraft. Apex has also assessed the probability of Apex Aries 1 becoming a source of debris by collision with small debris or meteoroids of less than one centimeter in diameter that could cause loss of control and prevent post-mission disposal.

B. Minimizing Accidental Explosions

Apex is designing its spacecraft in a manner that limits the probability of accidental explosion. Apex has assessed the possibility of accidental explosions during and after completion of mission operations through failure mode verification analysis. As part of the satellite manufacturing process, Apex has taken steps to ensure that debris generation will not result from the conversion of energy sources onboard Apex Aries 1 into energy that fragments

the satellite. All sources of stored energy onboard the spacecraft will have been depleted or safely contained when no longer required for mission operations or post-mission disposal.

C. Safe Flight Profile

Apex has assessed and limited the probability of Apex Aries 1 becoming a debris source by accidental collisions with large debris or other operational spacecraft. Apex will work closely with its launch provider to ensure that the satellite is deployed in such a way to minimize the potential for in-plane collision. The attached ODAR shows the DAS simulation outputs and appropriate analyses.

Apex will track Apex Aries 1 passively using its GPS receiver and register the satellite with the 18th Space Control Squadron or successor entity. Apex will engage with operators of constellations and other space stations in the same orbit to ensure safe and coordinated space operations. Apex will provide all relevant agencies, the 18th Space Control Squadron or successor entity engaged in space situational awareness, and other operators with any information they need to assess risks and ensure safe flight profiles (particularly for inhabitable space stations, as necessary), as well as contact information for Apex personnel at its headquarters. If Apex receives a conjunction warning, Apex will coordinate with the other satellite operator, including sharing ephemeris data and other appropriate operational information.

D. Post-Mission Disposal

Apex has conducted the preliminary reentry risk analysis using DAS. As modeled, Apex Aries 1 will burn up completely during uncontrolled re-entry within 5 years after mission completion.

**Certification of Person Responsible
for Preparing Engineering Information**

I hereby certify that I am the technically qualified person responsible for preparation of the engineering information contained in this application, that I am familiar with Part 5 of the Commission's rules, that I have either prepared or reviewed the engineering information submitted in this application, and that it is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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