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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

Office of Space Commerce  
Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs  
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Mr. Jack Ackohen  
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**RE: NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs License Inquiry**

Dear Mr. Ackohen:

Pursuant to 15 CFR § 960.5(a), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs (CRSRA) office has reviewed your Initial Contact Form, submitted on May 7, 2024, concerning your proposed Otemanu-1 private remote sensing space system. Under the authority of the Secretary of Commerce under 51 U.S.C. § 60121 *et seq.* and 15 CFR Part 960, delegated to NOAA, we have determined that the proposed system as described in your Initial Contact Form will not require a NOAA license.

This determination was made based on the fact that your system's remote sensing instrument is a self-imaging camera used to monitor the deployment mechanism and deployed experimental deorbiting device; therefore, it is used primarily for mission assurance purposes and is exempt from the licensing requirement under 15 C.F.R. § 960.2(b).

If the factual circumstances of the information provided change, please submit a new Initial Contact Form, as you may require a license based on the changes. Additionally, please contact CRSRA with any future systems you may plan to operate in order to obtain a licensing determination on that specific system and its mission.

Please refer any questions regarding this determination to Frank Rostan at 301-520-5202 or by email at CRSRA@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Sarah C. Brothers, Ph.D.  
Director, Commercial Remote  
Sensing Regulatory Affairs

cc: Glenn Tallia, NOAA GC

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