

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

IN RE:	§	
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VARTEC TELECOM, INC., et al.,	§	CASE NO. 04-81694-SAF-11
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DEBTORS.	§	(Chapter 11)
	§	(Jointly Administered)

**DECLARATION OF RICHARD ERICSON ON BEHALF OF
THE LEMASTER GROUP LTD. IN SUPPLEMENT TO
THE ORIGINAL AFFIDAVIT OF LISA LEMASTER**

**TO THE HONORABLE STEVEN A. FELSENTHAL, UNITED STATES CHIEF
BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:**

RICHARD ERICSON, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 and under penalty of perjury, declare as follows: My name is Richard Ericson and I am the Senior Communications Director of The LeMaster Group Ltd. (“LeMaster”). I am more than twenty-one (21) years of age and am competent and authorized to make this Declaration. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein. To the extent that any information disclosed herein requires amendment or modification upon LeMaster's completion of further analysis, or as additional information becomes available to LeMaster, a supplemental declaration will be submitted to the Court reflecting the same.

General Statement

1. On November 1, 2004 (the “Petition Date”), VarTec Telecom, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the “Debtors”) each filed a petition for chapter 11 relief in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (collectively, the “Cases”). Also on the Petition Date, the Bankruptcy Court heard certain motions and applications related to requests for relief immediately needed by the Debtors (the “First Day Papers”). Among the First Day Papers was the Application to Employ The LeMaster Group Ltd. as

the Public Relations Firm for the Debtors (the "Application"). The Application was approved on an interim basis. I am now supplementing Lisa LeMaster's Affidavit in Support of the Application to include additional information regarding this representation, as requested by the Court.

2. Upon receipt of the Debtors' list of its fifty largest unsecured creditors (the "Top 50 List"), a conflicts check reports that LeMaster has in the past and currently represents Center Operating Company LP American Airlines Center, an entity listed on the Top 50 List. The LeMaster Group is retained as the public relations and crisis communications consultant for American Airlines Center. In that role, the LeMaster Group is on-call to assist American Airlines Center executives with questions from the news media and requests for interviews regarding operations of the facility. The LeMaster Group is also available to assist American Airlines Center executives in the event of an accident or some other type of emergency at the facility.

3. Our conflict check process is as follows: I have reviewed the list of creditors holding 50 largest unsecured claims and compared that list to our client database. Center Operating Company LP American Airlines Center is the only creditor on the list.

4. I have attached to this Supplemental Declaration a copy of our Engagement Letter with the Debtors as **Exhibit A**.

Signed: this 18th day of November, 2004.

/s/ Richard Ericson
Richard Ericson