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Via Overnight Delivery

Stephanie Stumbo, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602-8294

# Re: Notification of the Transfer of Control of First Communications, LLC and Globalcom, Inc. to Renaissance Acquisition Corp.

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

First Communications, LLC ("FCL"), Globalcom, Inc. ("Globalcom") and Renaissance Acquisition Corp. ("RAC") (collectively, "Parties"), through their undersigned counsel, hereby notify the Commission of a transaction that will result in the transfer of control of FCL and Globalcom to RAC as described in Section III.<sup>1</sup>

No transfer of certificates, assets or customers will occur as a consequence of the proposed stock transaction. FCL and Globalcom will continue to provide service to their existing customers in Kentucky pursuant to those authorizations under the same rates, terms and conditions. Accordingly, this transaction will be virtually transparent to the customers of FCL and Globalcom. The Parties will notify the Commission when the transfer of control is complete.

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<sup>1</sup> Globalcom and First Communications, Inc. ("FCI") filed notification for the indirect transfer of control of Globalcom to FCI on August 11, 2008. Globalcom and FCI anticipate the transfer of control transaction will close prior to the transaction described in this filing, and therefore, Globalcom is included as a Party to this Notification.

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The Parties further state as follows:

#### I. <u>Description of the Companies</u>

#### A. First Communications, LLC

FCL is an Ohio limited liability company located at 3340 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44333. FCL is a wholly owned subsidiary of First Communications, Inc. ("FCI"), a Delaware corporation listed on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange ("AIM"). FCI, through its operating subsidiaries, FCL and Xtension Services, Inc. ("Xtension") provides local, private line, and/or long distance services to both business and residential customers in 49 states. Its services include traditional local and long distance services, toll-free services, conference calling packages, calling cards, prepaid calling cards, Internet access and dedicated and private line services. FCL is authorized to provide local, private line, and/or long distance services to both business and residential customers in 49 states and holds domestic and international Section 214 authorizations from the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC").

In Kentucky, FCL is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to its registration and tariff accepted by the Commission on April 4, 1999. Further information regarding FCL (as well as Globalcom) and the services it provides has previously been submitted to the Commission and is therefore a matter of public record, and the Parties request that it be incorporated herein by reference.

#### B. Xtension Services, Inc.

Xtension, a wholly owned subsidiary of FCI, is a corporation founded in 2000 under the laws of the State of Delaware. Its offices are currently located at 30 South Treasure Drive, Tampa, Florida 33609. Xtension holds domestic and international Section 214 authorizations from the FCC and is authorized to provide long distance telecommunications services in 13 states and local exchange services in New Jersey. Xtension does not provide telecommunications services in Kentucky.

#### C. Globalcom, Inc.

Globalcom is an Illinois corporation with its principal offices located at 200 E. Randolph St., Floor 23, Chicago, IL 60601. Globalcom is a voice and data service provider primarily to small and medium sized business customers in the Chicagoland MSA. It offers complete voice and data solutions including local and long distance, T-1, PRI, Internet T-1, IP Telephony, toll-free, international long distance, access & private networking, conference calling, managed solutions, consulting services, collocation, hosted services, VPN & security and monitoring services. In Kentucky, Globalcom is authorized to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to its registration and tariff accepted by the Commission on June 5, 2000.

#### D. Renaissance Acquisition Corp.

RAC, a Delaware corporation with principal offices at 50 East Sample Road, Suite 400, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064, is a publicly traded corporation on the American Stock Exchange ("AMEX") under the symbol "RAK." RAC was organized for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, or other similar business combination with an operating business. For the purpose of accomplishing this transaction, RAC has created a new merger subsidiary, FCI Merger Sub I, Inc. ("Merger Sub I"), a Delaware corporation and direct wholly-owned subsidiary of RAC, and has created FCI Merger Sub II, LLC ("Merger Sub II"), a Delaware limited liability company and direct wholly-owned subsidiary of RAC.<sup>2</sup>

#### II. Designated Contacts

For the purposes of this Notification, questions or any correspondence, orders, or other materials should be directed to the following contacts:

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The Parties anticipate changing the name of Merger Sub II after closing.

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#### III. Description of the Transaction

RAC and FCI entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger ("Agreement") on September 13, 2008 whereby (1) FCI will merge into and with Merger Sub I with FCI surviving and (2) FCI will merge into and with Merger Sub II with Merger Sub II surviving. As a result, FCL and Globalcom will be wholly-owned subsidiaries of RAC, which intends to change its name to "First Communications, Inc." The Parties notify the Commission of the transfer of FCL and Globalcom to RAC. For the Commission's convenience, pre- and post-transaction illustrative organization charts for the combined Kentucky operating companies are provided as Exhibit A.

FCL and Globalcom will continue to offer service with no change in the name of the companies, or their rates or terms and conditions of service following consummation of the proposed transaction. Therefore, the transfer of control of FCL and Globalcom will be seamless and virtually transparent to consumers in the State. If in the future any changes are proposed to the existing rates of FCL or Globalcom, the Parties will do so in accordance with the Commission's requirements applicable to such changes.

#### IV. <u>Public Interest Considerations</u>

The Parties submit that the proposed transaction will serve the public interest. The proposed acquisition will enable FCL and Globalcom to obtain access to additional financial and operational resources from their new publicly-traded parent company. These additional resources will allow FCL and Globalcom to strengthen their competitive position in Kentucky to the benefit of Kentucky's consumers and the State's telecommunications marketplace. Specifically, the transaction will allow the combined company to pursue growth strategies as well as increase brand awareness, expand into additional geographic markets, and expand its service offerings. The combined company will also hold the managerial, operational and technical qualifications of existing FCI management.

In addition, the transaction will be conducted in a manner that will be virtually transparent to customers of FCL and Globalcom. The transfer of control of FCL and Globalcom will not result in a change of carrier for customers or any assignment or transfer of authorizations. Following consummation of the proposed transaction, FCL and Globalcom will continue to provide high-quality communications services to their customers without interruption and without change in rates, terms or conditions. The Parties emphasize that the proposed transfer of control will be seamless and virtually transparent to the customers of FCL and Globalcom, and in no event will it result in the discontinuance, reduction, loss, or impairment of service to customers.

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An original and ten (10) copies of this notice are enclosed. Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the envelope provided. Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact Danielle Burt at (202) 373-6039.

Respectfully submitted,

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### LIST OF EXHIBITS

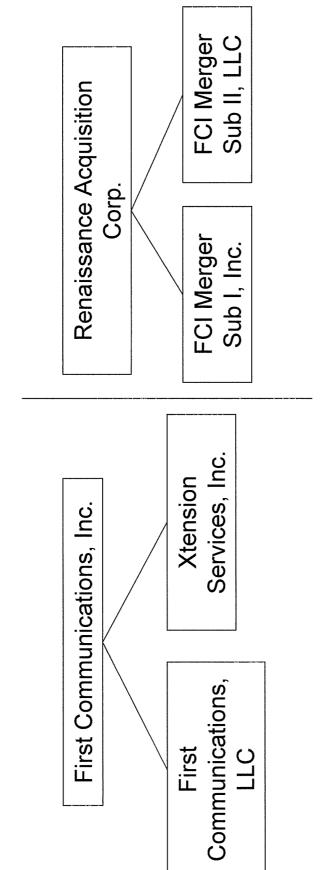
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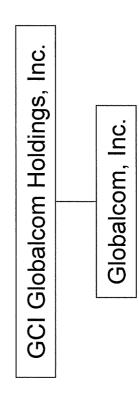
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Pre- and Post-Transaction Illustrative Chart

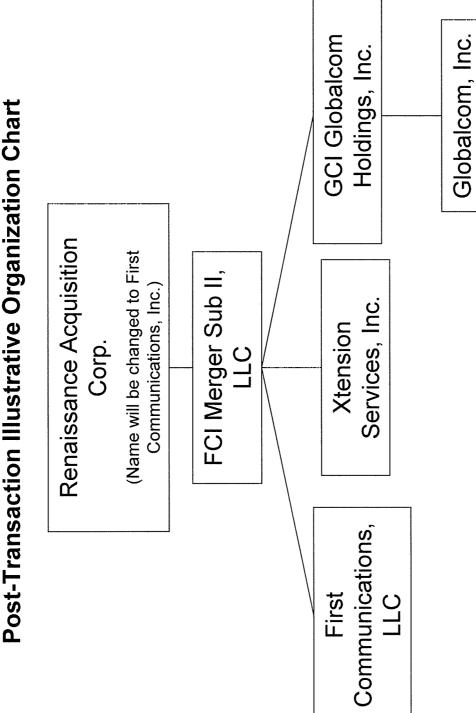
### EXHIBIT A

**Pre- and Post-Transaction Illustrative Chart** 





**Pre-Transaction Illustrative Organization Chart** 



**Verifications** 

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#### VERIFICATION

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I, Barry Florescue, state that I am Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Renaissance Acquisition Corporation; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents with respect to Renaissance Acquisition Corporation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this  $\underline{1}$  day of September, 2008.

Barry Florescue Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Renaissance Acquisition Corporation

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#### VERIFICATION

I, Joseph R. Morris, state that I am Chief Operating Officer of First Communications, Inc., the parent of First Communications, LLC; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents with respect to First Communications, Inc. are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this day of September, 2008.

Joseph R. Morris Chief Operating Officer First Communications, Inc.