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Request for Confidentiality

Date: January 11, 2002

American Telecommunications Certification Body, Inc.

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RE: Certification Application

FCC ID: AK8PCG631L

Please be informed that the wireless LAN module installed in the equipment is produced and provided by another manufacturer, not us, Sony Corporation. Internal photos of the module with shield removed contain the information to be considered trade secrets and proprietary of the manufacturer. If made public, the information might be used the disadvantage of the manufacturer in the market place.

In addition, this part of the equipment is professionally installed and is not usually accessible to the end user both during and after use. Moreover, the shields on the equipment are soldered and special tools are required for removal. It is not expected to be done by the end user.

Thus, we, Sony Corporation request these photos to be held as confidential.

Thank you for your understanding to this matter.

Sincerely,



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VAIO Network Computer Company

Mobile Network Company