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Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporate Finance  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
Attn: Mr. David T. Mittelman

Nextel Partners, Inc.  
Registration Statement on Form S-3, File No. 333-68296  
Application for Withdrawal  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 477(a) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the undersigned registrant (the Registrant ) hereby applies for an Order granting the immediate withdrawal of its Registration Statement on Form S-3, together with all exhibits and amendments thereto, Commission File No. 333-68296 (collectively, the Registration Statement ). The Registration Statement was originally filed with the Commission on August 24, 2001.

In light of current market conditions, the Registrant has determined not to proceed with the public offering contemplated by the Registration Statement at this time. No securities have been sold pursuant to the Registration Statement.

Accordingly, we hereby respectfully request that an Order granting the withdrawal of the Registration Statement be issued by the Commission as soon as reasonably possible. If you have any questions regarding the foregoing application for withdrawal, please contact Laura A. Bertin or Mark F. Worthington at Summit Law Group, legal counsel to the Registrant, at (206) 206-676-7000.

Sincerely,

Nextel Partners, Inc.

/s/ John Chapple

John Chapple  
President and Chief Executive Officer