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The Beach Boys famously grew up in Hawthorne, despite it being landlocked. (We're inspired by what we want, not what we have.) Now another innovator wants to grow there: ThinKom Solutions. The high-mobile broadband antenna provider signed a 75k SF HQ lease in OceanGate Business Park for a relo and expansion.



Mark Mattis drumming with his band Pavlov's Dog at the Lighthouse in Hermosa Beach

PM Realty Group SVP Mark Mattis (drumming with his band Pavlov's Dog at the Lighthouse in Hermosa Beach), who repped ThinKom along with JLL's Chris Strickfaden, tells us the space triples ThinKom's current facility in Torrance. It allows the company to bring in-house some of the manufacturing that has been contracted out in the past. "Finding a space for these guys was tough because there were very few alternatives that had the percentage of office space we were looking for"—about one-third of the building. However, this particular building has excess parking, allowing ThinKom to build out an additional 20k SF of offices. SCO Advisors' Britt Shuford repped the landlord, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance.

ThinKom's antennas focus on aeronautical and on-the-move applications for commercial, civil, and military uses. Its tech is being used by Gogo Inflight to launch 2Ku satellite enabled Wi-Fi connectivity for commercial airplanes, which isn't as simple as it sounds. Mark says it's a much more complicated antenna system because you have two moving objects, a satellite and plane, trying to communicate. (Imagine trying to chat with your buddy in another car while you're both roaring down the 405—not that you should do that, of course.) "The next time you get on a flight that has Wi-Fi, chances are that's a ThinKom antenna attached to the plane." By the way, Mark's wife Shauna is also in the biz, as an SVP with Wilson Commercial.