



Update on the Iridium Satellite Constellation

On Tuesday, February 10, 2009, Iridium lost one of its 66 operational satellites. According to information shared with the company by various U.S. government organizations that monitor satellites and other space objects (such as debris), it appears that the satellite loss is the result of a collision with a non-operational Russian satellite. This was a completely random and isolated incident and although this event has relatively limited impact on Iridium's service, the company is taking immediate action to address the loss. The Iridium constellation is healthy, and this event is not the result of a failure on the part of Iridium or its technology.

Iridium has responded quickly to reroute service around the lost satellite and to work with the various government agencies that track satellites and debris in space to learn all that they can about the event. Iridium is committed to the full restoration of service as expeditiously as possible.

The Iridium constellation is uniquely designed to withstand the loss of an operational satellite, and Iridium is taking the necessary steps to replace the lost satellite with one of its in-orbit spares.

In terms of the impact to Iridium customers, some of you may experience brief outages during the next three days until Iridium

is able to re-route the traffic impacted by the Ka-band link that brings the Iridium constellation's commercial communications traffic to Earth. Iridium expects to implement this network routing change by Friday.

Over the course of the next 30 days, Iridium expects to move one of its in-orbit spare satellites into the network constellation to permanently replace our lost satellite.

Iridium will continue to provide updates to its partners and customers on any future developments around this issue. If you have any questions about how this event will affect you, please contact your Iridium Service Provider.

About Iridium

Iridium Satellite LLC (www.iridium.com) is the only mobile satellite service (MSS) company offering pole-to-pole coverage over the entire globe. The Iridium constellation of low-earth orbiting (LEO), cross-linked satellites provides critical voice and data services for areas not served by terrestrial communication networks. Iridium's subscriber growth has been driven by increasing demand for reliable, global communications. Iridium serves commercial markets through a worldwide network of hundreds of distributors, and provides services to the

U.S. Department of Defense, and other U.S. and international government agencies. The company's customers represent a broad spectrum of industry, including maritime, aeronautical, government/defense, public safety, utilities, oil/gas, mining, forestry, heavy equipment and transportation. Iridium has launched a major development program for its next-generation satellite constellation, Iridium NEXT, which will result in continued and new Iridium MSS offerings. The company is headquartered in Bethesda, Md. and is currently privately held.

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