Thoma Donald Lee Form 4 November 20, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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obligations may continue. See Instruction

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Thoma Donald Lee

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Iridium Communications Inc.

[IRDM]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

11/19/2012

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Estimated average

burden hours per

3235-0287

January 31,

2005

0.5

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

C/O IRIDIUM

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

X_ Officer (give title below)

EVP, Iridium Satellite LLC

COMMUNICATIONS INC., 1750 TYSONS BOULEVARD, SUITE 1400

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MCLEAN, VA 22102

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D)

Price

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 8.28 | 11/19/2012 | | A | 112,994 | | <u>(1)</u> | 06/01/2022 | Common Stock | 112,99 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thoma Donald Lee C/O IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC. 1750 TYSONS BOULEVARD, SUITE 1400 MCLEAN, VA 22102

EVP, Iridium Satellite LLC

Signatures

/s/Brian Leaf, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The option will vest and become exercisable as to 25% of the shares of common stock underlying the option on June 1, 2013 with the (1) remainder vesting in twelve equal quarterly installments through June 1, 2014, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.
- On June 1, 2012, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 112,994 shares of common stock of the issuer. The vesting of the option was subject to specified conditions, unrelated to the market price of the issuer's securities, that were not within the control of the reporting person. Those conditions were satisfied on November 19, 2012.

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