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IRIDIUM INTRODUCES RURAL SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS AT SATCOM AFRICA



Iridium rural satellite
telephone booth

BETHESDA, Md. – February 20, 2006 – Iridium Satellite LLC is using the SatCom Africa 2006 exhibition at Johannesburg as the platform to announce a new range of solutions for satellite-based rural communications for Africa and other remote regions.

"Iridium satellite solutions can provide convenient, affordable communications service to remote villages, farms, communities and organizations where public switched and cellular telephone networks are nonexistent, unreliable or prohibitively expensive," said Greg

Ewert, executive vice president of Iridium Satellite LLC.

Satellite communications can bridge the digital gap between urban and rural areas. Iridium brings reliable, reasonably priced voice communications and Internet access to businesses and consumers in isolated areas that would otherwise be cut off from the rest of the world. Iridium is also an ideal solution for time-sensitive data applications, such as tracking of critical assets in industries such as mining, resource management, commercial fishing, remote banking and forestry.

Iridium provides global voice and data communications through a constellation of 66 low-earth orbiting (LEO) cross-linked satellites. Calls and data transmission through the Iridium satellites are high quality at a low cost. In addition, Iridium's rural communications solutions can be easily integrated with existing equipment.

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"Iridium is offering a wide range of solutions, including fixed or mobile Public Calling Office (PCO) systems, unattended satellite pay phone stations, vehicular systems and asset tracking solutions," said Ewert. "The Iridium-based systems will be inexpensive to install, providing operators an easily deployed facility with minimal investment."

"Iridium service offerings for rural communications will be packaged and sold by authorized service providers, who will offer a wide range of attractive rural communications solutions and pricing programs, including convenient scratch-card billing," added Ewert.

About Iridium Satellite

Iridium Satellite LLC (www.iridium.com) is the only provider of truly global satellite voice and data solutions with complete coverage of the earth (including oceans, airways and Polar Regions). Iridium delivers essential communications services to and from remote areas where no other form of communication is available. The Iridium constellation of 66 LEO, cross-linked satellites operates as a fully meshed network and is the largest commercial satellite constellation in the world. The Iridium service is ideally suited for industries such as maritime, aviation, government/military, emergency/humanitarian services, mining, forestry, oil and gas, heavy equipment, transportation and utilities. Iridium provides service to the U.S. Department of Defense. The company also designs, builds and sells its services, products and solutions through a worldwide network of more than 100 partners.

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