FITZPATRICK THOMAS

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FITZPATRICK THOMAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Iridium Communications Inc.

[IRDM]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

03/01/2012

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Chief Financial Officer

C/O IRIDIUM **COMMUNICATIONS INC., 1750** TYSONS BOULEVARD, SUITE 1400

(First)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

A

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

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

D

MCLEAN, VA 22102

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

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

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following Reported

Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

\$0

Code V Amount (D) Price 12,896

Common Stock

03/01/2012

(1)

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

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. Transacti 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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.56	03/01/2012		A	29,104	<u>(2)</u>	03/01/2022	Common Stock	29,104

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
coporting of the common control of the control of t	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
FITZPATRICK THOMAS C/O IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC. 1750 TYSONS BOULEVARD, SUITE 1400 MCLEAN, VA 22102			Chief Financial Officer			

Signatures

/s/ Christi Novak, attorney-in-fact 03/05/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
- These shares are represented by restricted stock units. The shares of Common Stock underlying this restricted stock unit award vest as to (1) 25% on March 1, 2013 and quarterly thereafter in equal installments (rounded down to the nearest whole number) on June 1, September 1 and December 1 so that all shares of Common Stock shall be vested as of March 1, 2016.
- These options shall vest and become exercisable as to 25% of the shares of Common Stock underlying the option on March 1, 2013 and quarterly thereafter in equal installments on June 1, September 1 and December 1 so that all shares of Common Stock underlying the option shall vest and become exercisable on March 1, 2016.

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