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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Iridium Communications Inc.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Canfield Thomas C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

(State)

01/04/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Symbol

[IRDM]

(Month/Day/Year)

01/04/2013

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

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

MCLEAN, VA 22102

(City)

Common

Stock (1)

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

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

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

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Price Amount (D)

20,408.1 A (2)

\$ A 6.86 (3)

104,004.3

(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)

1. Title of	f 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				C-1- V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

Canfield Thomas C C/O IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC. 1750 TYSONS BOULEVARD, SUITE 1400 MCLEAN, VA 22102



Signatures

/s/Brian Leaf, 01/08/2013 Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- This security represents restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common **(1)** stock of the issuer.
- The shares underlying this restricted stock unit award vest in four equal quarterly installments on the last day of each calendar quarter during 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer as of the vesting date.
- The restricted stock units were issued to the reporting person pursuant to the issuer's director compensation plan in lieu of annual retainer **(3)** fees of \$140,000.

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