

Iridium Communications Inc.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DESCH MATTHEW J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**Iridium Communications Inc.
 [IRDM]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**C/O IRIDIUM
 COMMUNICATIONS INC., 1750
 TYSONS BOULEVARD, SUITE
 1400**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
03/01/2017

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

(Street)
MCLEAN, VA 22102

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2017		F ⁽¹⁾	24,705 D \$ 8.8	529,335	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2017		A	42,730 ⁽²⁾ A \$ 0	572,065	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2017		F ⁽³⁾	7,071 D \$ 8.8	564,994	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2017		A	68,181 ⁽⁴⁾ A \$ 0	633,175	D	

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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 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 Derivative 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DESCH MATTHEW J C/O IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC. 1750 TYSONS BOULEVARD, SUITE 1400 MCLEAN, VA 22102	X		Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

/s/Brian Leaf,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/03/2017

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).
- (1) The transaction reported represents the withholding of shares by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the non-reportable vesting and settlement of restricted stock units.
These shares are represented by restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the issuer. Of the shares underlying this restricted stock award, one-half vested on March 1, 2017 and the remainder will vest on March 1, 2018, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the vesting date.
- (3) The transaction reported represents the withholding of shares by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of the restricted stock unit award reported in footnote (2) herein.

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- (4) These shares are represented by restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the issuer. Of the shares underlying this restricted stock unit award, 25% shall vest on March 1, 2018 and the remainder shall vest in equal quarterly installments thereafter on each June 1, September 1, December 1 and March 1, so that all shares of common stock shall be vested as of March 1, 2021, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of each such vesting date.

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