Iridium Communications Inc.

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Stock

1. Name and A DESCH MA	ddress of Reporting FATTHEW J	Symbol Iridiu	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Iridium Communications Inc. [IRDM]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Mon			3. Date of Earliest Transaction Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2017				X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer			
(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) MCLEAN, VA 22102					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							lly Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	nrity (Month/Day/Year) Execution		n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D)			Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Benefici Owned Indirect (I) Ownersl Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	03/01/2017		F(1)	24,705	D 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	03/01/2017		A	68,181	Α	\$ 0	633.175	D		

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)]
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						Exercisable Date	Date		of		
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				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	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

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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).
- (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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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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