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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Iridium Communications Inc. [IRDM] **Â** Scheimreif Scott (Month/Day/Year) 12/11/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O IRIDIUM (Check all applicable) **COMMUNICATIONS** INC.. 1750 TYSONS 10% Owner Director **BOULEVARD, SUITE 1400** _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group **EVP-Government Programs** Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person MCLEAN, VAÂ 22102 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock (1) $7,878 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security
2. Date Exercisable and (Instr. 4)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Derivative Security

The security of Exercise Form of Conversion Ownership (Instr. 5)

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| | | | (Instr. 4) | | Price of | Derivative | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivative Security | Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (3) | 11/19/2019 | Common Stock | 35,000 | \$ 8.73 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (4) | 02/21/2021 | Common Stock | 20,788 | \$ 8.31 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (5) | 03/01/2022 | Common Stock | 17,778 | \$ 7.56 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | (6) | 09/01/2022 | Common Stock | 100,000 | \$ 7.41 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Kelationships | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|--|----------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | | Other |
| Scheimreif Scott | | | | | |
| C/O IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC. | ^ | • | ^ | | <u>^</u> |

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Signatures

By: Brian Leaf, Attorney-in-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person Date
Description
Descr

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 security represents restricted stock units granted to the reporting person for services rendered. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the issuer.
- The shares underlying this restricted stock unit award vest over a period of four years, with 25% of the shares underlying the award (2) vesting on March 1, 2013, the first anniversary of the date of grant, and the remainder vests in 12 equal quarterly installments thereafter, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.
- The option vests over a period of four years, with 25% of the shares underlying the option vesting on November 19, 2010, the first anniversary of the date of grant, and the remainder vests in 12 equal quarterly installments thereafter, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.
- The option vests over a period of four years, with 25% of the shares underlying the option vesting on February 21, 2012, the first

 (4) anniversary of the date of grant, and the remainder vests in 12 equal quarterly installments thereafter, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.
- The option vests over a period of four years, with 25% of the shares underlying the option vesting on March 1, 2013, the first anniversary (5) of the date of grant, and the remainder vests in 12 equal quarterly installments thereafter, subject to the reporting person's continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.
- (6) The option vests over a period of four years, with 25% of the shares underlying the option vesting on September 1, 2013, the first anniversary of the date of grant, and the remainder vests in 12 equal quarterly installments thereafter, subject to the reporting person's

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continuous service with the issuer as of the applicable vesting date.

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