



Photo Release -- Industry Leaders Join Iridium to Announce the Launch of Aireon(SM)

MCLEAN, Va., June 19, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta, discussed the benefits of space-based air traffic surveillance at a Tuesday, June 19, 2012 press conference hosted by Iridium Communications Inc. (Nasdaq:IRDM) regarding the planned launch of a joint venture between Iridium and NAV CANADA called Aireon. Mineta was joined by Don Thoma, CEO and president of the newly-formed Aireon, Iridium CEO Matt Desch, and NAV CANADA CEO John Crichton.

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About Iridium Communications Inc.

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