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BETHESDA, Md. – Sept. 25, 2008 – Iridium Satellite LLC is launching Iridium GoChatSM, a low-cost, high-value prepaid crew-calling plan with unmatched global service. Iridium GoChat eliminates off-peak value pricing in favor of a single around-the-clock standard per-minute rate using larger denomination prepaid cards with progressive discounts.

“By removing time-of-day restrictions for discounted pricing, we are making it more convenient for crew members to call home during their off-watch hours,” said Greg Ewert, executive vice president, Global Channel Distribution, Iridium. “Iridium GoChat provides high value and unmatched global reach on a network renowned for providing high-quality service.”

Prepaid Iridium GoChat cards are available in 30-, 45- and 60-minute capacities. The larger-denomination cards will reduce the likelihood of running out of time during a call. The Iridium service automatically notifies the caller with a warning tone and voice message when one minute of time remains on the card.

“Iridium GoChat is another step toward our goal of being the premier, preferred satcom provider to the maritime industry,” said Ewert. “We are clearly on track for meeting that goal and this is an offering that leverages the gap-free, pole-to-pole service that only Iridium provides to benefit crews working far from home and family.”

Iridium will work with service providers to ensure a seamless transition to the new calling plans, according to Ewert, who said that existing calling cards will be honored during the transition period with the Iridium GoChat discounts automatically applied.

About Iridium Satellite

Iridium Satellite LLC (<http://www.iridium.com>) is the only mobile satellite service (MSS) company offering gap-free, pole-to-pole coverage over the entire globe. The Iridium constellation of low-earth orbiting (LEO), cross-linked satellites provides critical voice and data services for areas not served by other communication networks. Iridium’s subscriber growth has been driven by increasing demand for reliable, secure, global communications. Iridium serves commercial markets through a worldwide network of hundreds of distributors, and provides services to the U.S. Department of Defense, and other U.S. and international government agencies. The company’s customers represent a broad spectrum of industry, including maritime, aeronautical, government/defense, public safety, utilities, oil/gas, mining, forestry, heavy equipment and transportation. Iridium has launched a major development program for its next-generation satellite constellation, Iridium NEXT, which will result in continued and new Iridium MSS offerings. The company is headquartered in Bethesda, Md. and is privately held.

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