

# Iridium Provides Satellite Data Links for Management and Recovery Solutions for Remote Communication Network Sites

BETHESDA, Md., Jan. 26, 2010-- Proactive Communications is deploying a new automated remote management (ARM) system that uses satellite data links provided by Iridium Communications Inc. (Nasdag:IRDM) for out-of-band backup access to remote communication network sites.

Data Technology Solutions (DTS), an Iridium value-added reseller, is supplying the system, which uses ARM technology developed by Uplogix, an Iridium value-added manufacturer. The Uplogix system relies on Iridium's global satellite circuit-switched data service.

"The Iridium satellite data link acts as a secure 'back door' to provide a secondary means of accessing devices and systems if the primary connection has been lost," explained Michael Guidroz, president of DTS. "This ensures rapid restoration of service to the network, as well as a substantial reduction in IT support costs."

"Our mission-critical satellite communication sites are located in places like Afghanistan, Iraq, natural-disaster areas and remote geographic locations, which are not readily accessible for maintenance and repair," said Larry Hall, chief operations officer of Proactive Communications. "With Uplogix's Iridium-based ARM, our customers can restore network connectivity within minutes, without dispatching a technician to the location. It also gives our customers unprecedented visibility into the status of their network nodes."

"Our ARM solution combines the local access and control of a console server, the in-depth monitoring and diagnostics of systems management software and the intelligence of an on-site technician into an integrated remote management appliance," said Mark Piening, vice president of marketing, Uplogix. "We have designed it to ensure internal security and management policies are always observed, even during a network outage."

"Iridium's global coverage area, reliable network and low-latency satellite circuit-switched data service, with very small, low-cost hardware, provides an ideal medium for this out-of-band solution," said Greg Ewert, executive vice president, global distribution channels, Iridium. "It's another great example of how our growing ecosystem of value-added partners is developing and deploying new Iridium-enabled technologies to solve real-world problems for users around the world."

#### **About Iridium Communications Inc.**

Iridium Communications Inc. (www.iridium.com) is the only mobile satellite service (MSS) company offering 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 terrestrial communication networks. Iridium serves commercial markets through a worldwide network 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. The company is headquartered in Bethesda, Md., U.S.A. and trades on the NASDAQ Global Market under the ticker symbols IRDM (common stock), IRDMW (\$7.00 warrants), IRDMZ (\$11.50 warrants) and IRDMU (units).

#### About Data Technology Solutions

Data Technology Solutions (DTS) (<a href="www.dtscom.com">www.dtscom.com</a>) was founded in 2002. Based in Breaux Bridge, La., with a sales office in Houston, Texas, and an operations office in Oklahoma, DTS is a full-service telecommunications company. DTS' portfolio includes satellite products and services for the oil and gas industry, commercial shipping, disaster recovery, recreational boating and government and military markets.

### **About Proactive Communications**

Proactive Communications, Inc. (<a href="www.proactivecommo.com">www.proactivecommo.com</a>) was founded in 2000 with a mission to provide reliable and secure enterprise-class communication capabilities to government agencies, military and corporate entities around the world. The company is headquartered in Central Texas, near

Fort Hood, and is a certified veteran-owned business.

## **About Uplogix**

Uplogix provides the first fully integrated remote management solution. The company's co-located management appliances automate routine administration, maintenance and recovery tasks – securely and regardless of network availability. In comparison, traditional network and systems management depends on the network, uses multiple tools and remains labor intensive. Uplogix is a member of the Cisco Technology Developer program. The company is privately held and headquartered in Austin, Texas with European offices in London. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.uplogix.com">www.uplogix.com</a>.

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