



Mexican Relief Organizations Expand Use of Iridium in Haiti Recovery Efforts

MEXICO CITY and BETHESDA, Md., Feb. 22, 2010-- Iridium Communications Inc. (Nasdaq:IRDM), together with service partner Tecnologías de Control del Norte (TECNOR), announced today that the Mexican Red Cross, the United Nations and multiple other Mexican government agencies have increased their usage of Iridium 9555 satellite phones in support of Haiti relief and recovery efforts.

These TECNOR customers had the ability to make their Iridium phones and service operational within minutes of arriving in Haiti for use following the January 2010 earthquake, which made land-based and cellular communications unavailable.

"Instant communications play a vital role in our ongoing disaster relief and recovery efforts," said Isaac Oxenhaut, national disaster relief coordinator of the Mexican Red Cross. "The Mexican Red Cross is using Iridium service for reliable, real-time communications between our team in Haiti and our headquarters in Mexico."

"Iridium is a mission-critical component of relief organizations operations. Our service is the only reliable mobile option after a disaster when terrestrial infrastructure is down," said Greg Ewert, executive vice president, global distribution channels, Iridium. "Iridium handsets are simple to use and make training a straightforward process for first responders. This is valuable to relief organizations, which have a regular stream of new volunteers and expanding missions."

"Iridium is the service of choice for these organizations' emergency communications efforts," said Alejandro Valdes, project manager, TECNOR. "Iridium is the only truly global mobile satellite services solution that provides an initial communication connection for responders. Our customers have realized the value of having a mobile satellite service that is not only reliable but works anywhere – no matter where you deploy people and assets. These organizations are critical to the housing, feeding and medical care provided to citizens from the first day of a disaster all the way through what may be a lengthy rebuilding process. Then, they will need a service that instantly works if they re-deploy elsewhere."

Iridium is exhibiting February 23-25, 2010 (Hall A/Centro Banamex, Pabillion USA) at B3 Forum: Broadband for Business, powered by EXPO COMM in Mexico City.

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 Tecnologías de Control del Norte (TECNOR)

TECNOR (Tecnologías de Control del Norte SA de CV) is a service organization highly specialized in the integration of leading technologies in satellite services, telecommunications, IT, and automation. TECNOR offers to vertical, industrial, corporate, government, and public safety markets, as well as to individuals; fixed and mobile satellite services; satellite Internet and telephony; maritime, offshore, and aeronautical communications; SCADA, telemetry and automation; networks, security, and wireless; and digital document management. Additionally, TECNOR has a vast experience offering complete applications and solutions to the oil and gas and maritime industries. TECNOR is fully licensed by the SCT, and services customers throughout Mexico from its offices in Monterrey, NL; Mexico, DF; Merida, YUC; Cd. del Carmen, CAMP; Villahermosa, TAB; and Reynosa y Tampico, TAMP. (www.tec-nor.com, Tel: 81 8989 9966).

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