



Iridium AxxessPoint, AxxessPoint Connect and AxxessPoint Mail & Web Now Commercially Available

MCLEAN, Va., Oct. 24, 2011 -- Iridium Communications Inc. (Nasdaq:IRDM) announces the commercial availability of a complete suite of Iridium AxxessPoint products and services. The suite includes the Iridium AxxessPoint Wi-Fi hotspot accessory, the free Iridium AxxessPoint Mail & Web optimization software, and the Iridium AxxessPoint Connect downloadable application.

"This innovative suite of Iridium AxxessPoint products and services enables smartphones and laptops to work anywhere in the world, easily and efficiently over the Iridium network," said Joel Thompson, vice president, product management, Iridium. "These new products, which are a first for the industry, are the epitome of our recently-unveiled Iridium Force vision. This is a terrific example of Iridium's commitment to enhance personal communications. We are making the world's furthest reaching network more accessible and cost-effective through devices that customers already use daily."

Iridium AxxessPoint Connect

Iridium AxxessPoint Connect is a downloadable application that turns any Windows laptop into a global Wi-Fi hotspot when connected to an Iridium Extreme or Iridium 9555 satellite phone. Iridium AxxessPoint Connect enables Wi-Fi-compatible devices to synchronize and respond to email, or use the Internet, over the Iridium network.

Iridium AxxessPoint Wi-Fi Hotspot Accessory

Iridium AxxessPoint is a portable and lightweight Wi-Fi hotspot accessory that connects smartphones or laptops to Iridium using an Iridium Extreme or Iridium 9555 satellite phone. Iridium also is offering, at no additional charge, its Iridium AxxessPoint Mail & Web software for use with the Iridium AxxessPoint Wi-Fi accessory.

Iridium AxxessPoint Mail & Web

Iridium AxxessPoint Mail & Web enables email and Internet services by optimizing them for use over the company's global network. It maximizes the user's time on the Iridium network by managing the data connection and by improving the effective speeds. The software allows for offline viewing and composition of emails; configuration and filtering of large data files and attachments; and mid-file restart of attachment transfers if required. Iridium AxxessPoint Mail & Web automatically disconnects after the transfer of data, allowing ease of use and cost control. It provides a reliable connection anywhere and features built-in firewall protection to block extraneous Internet traffic for data speeds up to five times faster for web browsing and 15 times faster for email. Users of Apple operating system (iOS) devices, and Windows and Mac laptops, can register and download Iridium AxxessPoint Mail & Web software for use with Iridium AxxessPoint. BlackBerry and Android smartphone users can register and obtain set-up instructions for use of their devices with Iridium AxxessPoint. Iridium plans to make software for Apple iOS devices available by the end of 2011.

"Iridium AxxessPoint Mail & Web is optimized for Iridium so it maximizes users' time spent on the network," Thompson said. "This application truly provides enhanced data communications efficiencies and cost savings. It improves the effective speed and reduces the amount of airtime required to send and receive emails. We expect existing and new Iridium customers to greatly benefit from the 10-12 emails per minute transfer rates that we have seen when using the product."

Iridium AxxessPoint will retail for less than \$200 (USD). Iridium users can download Iridium AxxessPoint Connect and Iridium AxxessPoint Mail & Web free of charge at www.iridiumaxcesspoint.com. www.iridiumaxcesspoint.com also lists the many Iridium AxxessPoint service providers. Subscribers are required to use the services with an Iridium 9555 or Iridium Extreme phone. Standard per minute usage fees for airtime apply.

About Iridium Communications Inc.

Iridium is the only mobile voice and data satellite communications network that spans the entire globe. Iridium enables connections between people, organizations and assets to and from anywhere, in real time. Together with its ever-expanding ecosystem of partner companies, Iridium delivers an innovative and rich portfolio of reliable solutions for markets that require truly global communications. The

company has a major development program underway for its next-generation network — Iridium NEXT. Iridium Communications Inc. is headquartered in McLean, Va., U.S.A., and trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the ticker symbols IRDM (common stock) and IRDMW (\$7.00 warrants). For more information about Iridium products, services and partner solutions, visit www.iridium.com.

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