

## Iridium GMDSS Provider Application to the IMO

Worldwide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS) Subcommittee - 5

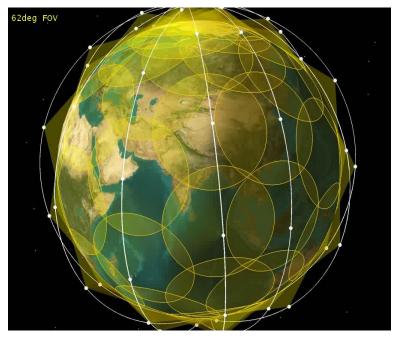
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#### RELIABLE · CRITICAL · LIFELINES

#### **Unique Network - Unparalleled Capabilities**

- The Iridium network is comprised of a constellation of 66 cross-linked, low earth orbit (LEO) satellites
- Calls are routed from satellite-tosatellite and grounded at gateways around the world
- Iridium is the only satellite network that provides fully global coverage including Sea Areas (A1 - A4)
- The dynamic motion of the Iridium satellites provides added redundancy and network flexibility

#### Iridium constellation provides 100% global service area





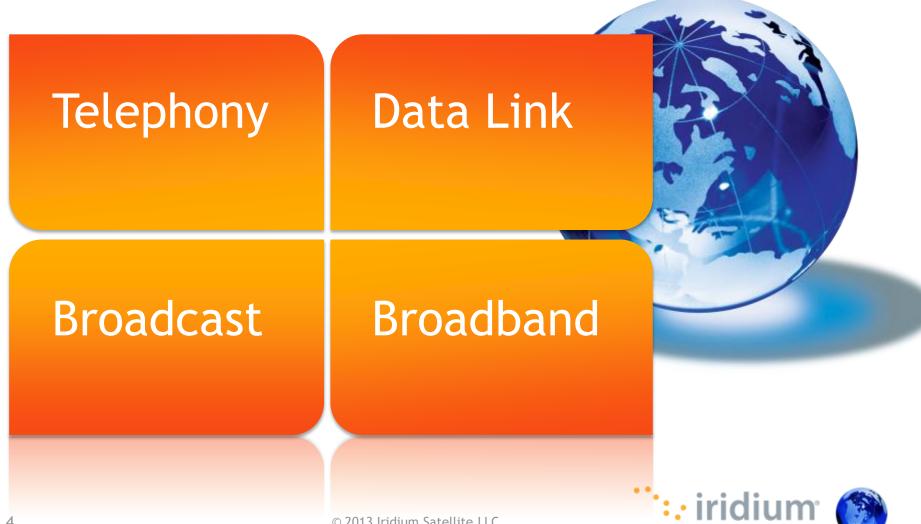
#### Iridium Maritime Users

- Iridium has provided global, reliable communications to the maritime industry for ~15 years
- Iridium provides communications for nearly all segments of the maritime industry, consisting of more than 50,000 subscribers worldwide, including <u>15,000 SOLAS</u> <u>class vessels</u>
- Iridium is currently utilized to provide maritime safety and regulatory communications (LRIT and VMS)





## Iridium Maritime Communications Portfolio



Everywhere

## Iridium Maritime Services

#### Telephony

- A priority-based two-way telephony service
- Utilized for routine ship-to-shore, shore-toship and ship-to-ship communications

#### <u>Data Link</u>

- A priority-based two-way data service
- Utilized for routine ship-to-shore, shore-toship communications

#### <u>Broadcast</u>

- A new, fully global, priority-based one-way data service
- Can be utilized for distribution of Maritime Safety Information (MSI)

#### Broadband

• A fully global two-way broadband data service, utilized for routine communications





## Iridium Service Dependability

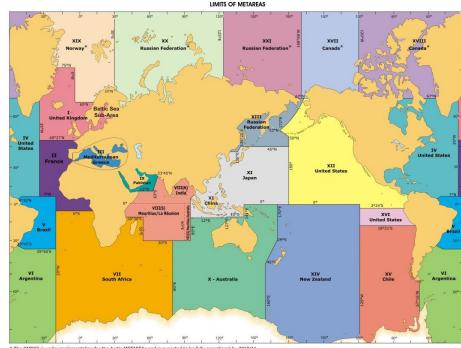
The Iridium network is one of the most robust communications networks in the world

- Consistently performs at 99.9% availability
  - Telephony Services Availability: 99.95 trailing 12 months
  - Data Link Services Availability: 99.90% trailing 12 months
- Redundant network and satellite architecture
- Only commercial satellite network with *fully functional in-orbit spares*



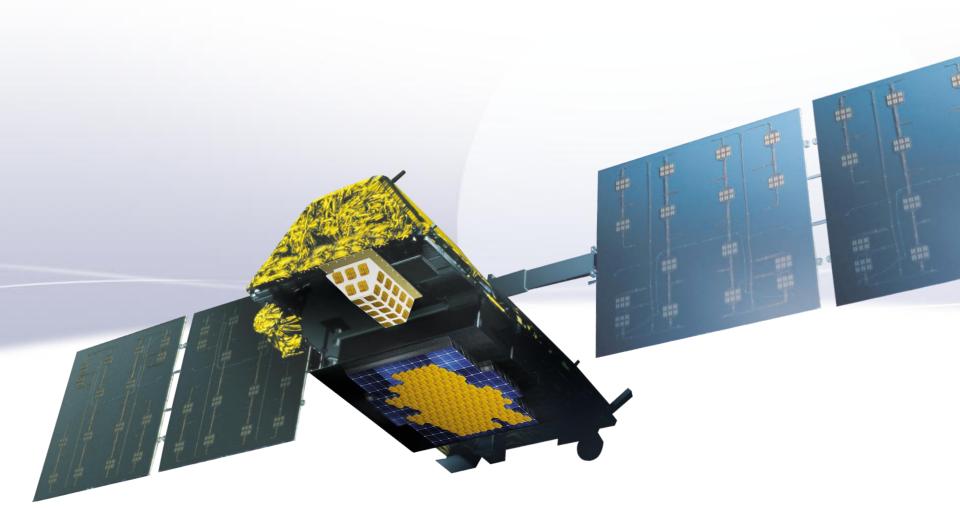
#### Iridium GMDSS Recognition Application

- Iridium is seeking GMDSS recognition under the process defined in Res. A. 1001 and additional guidance provided in Circ. 1414
- The proposal submitted to MSC92 was the first step in the process to seek GMDSS recognition as described in Res. A.1001 and Circ. 1414
- A detailed application will be submitted by the U.S. delegation to the Navigation, Communication, Search and Rescue (NCSR) subcommittee for verification and evaluation
- The earliest opportunity for recognition would be MSC94 but MSC95 is more likely



\* The GMDSS is under implementation for the Arctic METAREAs and is expected to be fully operational by 2010/11





## **Transition to Iridium NEXT**



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#### **Iridium Constellation Status**

Current constellation remains healthy. Forecast to be viable for years to come and is supported by in-orbit spares.



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## Iridium NEXT

- Fully replaces the current constellation of 66 LEO satellite
- Modernized ground stations with new features and capabilities
- Will include 6 in-orbit spares and 9 ground spares
- Scheduled deployment between early 2015 and 2017
- Eight launches using SpaceX Falcon 9 Heavy and ISC Kosmotras rockets
- Significant advantages
  - Significantly increased network capacity
  - Much greater data speed capabilities
- Fully backward compatible







## **Planned Evolution to Iridium NEXT**

- There is no greater priority for Iridium than ensuring a smooth transition to Iridium NEXT
- Implementing a continuous and methodical evolution from the current system to Iridium NEXT
- Incremental one-for-one replacement of satellites
- Backwards compatibility to all subscriber devices and solutions
- Current Iridium legacy services will be supported by the Iridium NEXT architecture
- Backward compatibility plan is critical to new services and capabilities



# Iridium PRIME SM





#### Iridium PRIME Overview

- Based on the success with hosted payloads on Iridium NEXT, Iridium is launching a bold new vision for hosted payloads - Iridium PRIME<sup>™</sup>
- Hosted payloads have become essential to providing affordable options for space missions, and opportunities are expanding
- To respond to this demand, solutions need to be flexible in timing, aligned with customers' technology and budget decision-making process.



## Why Introduce Iridium PRIME Now?

- With the implementation of the Iridium NEXT infrastructure, Iridium can fly more than 66 operational satellites in our constellation
- The Iridium NEXT ground support systems are designed to fly more than 140 satellites simultaneously
- After designing and building 81 satellites as part of Iridium NEXT (operational and spares), additional satellites will have a low incremental cost
- Once Iridium NEXT is complete in 2017, we can launch additional satellites/payloads into our network when they are ready







Creates a turnkey platform for hosted payloads that will cost less than 50% of the cost of creating a stand-alone satellite mission

#### Iridium PRIME Payload Spec Comparison

Iridium NEXT

50 kg

30cm x 40cm

x 70cm

50 Watts

Spec

Weight

Payload

Dimensions

**Available PRIME** Payload Area

Payload Power	50 watts (200 W peak)	(1100 W peak)
Payload Data Rate	Up to 1 Mbps	Up to 17 Mbps
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**Iridium PRIME** 

265 kg

**Almost Entire** 

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650 Watts

## Summary

- A Lasting Value Proposition For The Maritime Industry
  - Operates a <u>fully global satellite network</u> providing maritime communications in all four Sea Areas (A1, A2, A3 & A4)
  - Has a long history of providing mission critical and maritime communications
  - Iridium is seeking recognition to be part of the GMDSS and will provide a comprehensive application demonstrating compliance with Res A.1001 to the NCSR sub-committee and IMSO for review
  - Current constellation is healthy and is *fully compliant with GMDSS requirements*
  - Iridium NEXT will provide continued service beyond 2030 and will be fully compliant with GMDSS requirements without the need to replace approved shipboard equipment
  - Iridium PRIME provides an opportunity to enhance or extend maritime communications cost effectively globally







#### **THANK YOU**

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