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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

response...

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Iridium Communications Inc. [IRDM] A Thoma Donald Lee (Month/Day/Year) 09/29/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O IRIDIUM (Check all applicable) **COMMUNICATIONS** INC.. 6707 DEMOCRACY 10% Owner Director **BOULEVARD, SUITE 300** _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group EVP, Iridium Satellite LLC Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person BETHESDA, MDÂ 20817 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â 0 D No securities are benefically owned Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security
2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)
2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities Underlying Derivative Security
3. Title and Amount of Exercise Conversion Ownership Ownership Ownership Or Exercise Form of Conversion Ownership Owner

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(Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Date **Expiration Title** Amount or Direct (D) Security Exercisable Number of or Indirect Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thoma Donald Lee

C/O IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC.
6707 DEMOCRACY BOULEVARD, SUITE 300

Relationships

Other

Signatures

BETHESDA, MDÂ 20817

**Signature of Reporting Person

/s/ Christi Novak, attorney-in-fact 09/30/2009

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Remarks:

Exhibit List

Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

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