



President's Report

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The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) Director's Report is a weekly executive capsule covering current satellite industry news and events. See the bottom of page for additional information.

Recent News

Inmarsat and SkyTerra/Mobile Satellite Ventures reached a spectrum coordination agreement for L-Band operations in North America. The move would give the companies flexibility to take advantage of their hybrid satellite-terrestrial spectrum on next generation satellites. And the deal could put competitive pressure on other mobile satellite players, such as **ICO**, Globalstar, **Iridium** and **TerreStar**, said Blair Levin of Stifel Nicolaus. Story Courtesy of SkyREPORT

The Odyssey Launch Platform and the Sea Launch Commander have departed Sea Launch Home Port, for the rescheduled Thuraya-3 mission. Following recent delays due to unusually strong currents at the launch site, Sea Launch has increased power and fuel capabilities on the Launch Platform and evaluated the use of existing margins on identified launch parameters - all of which are intended to enhance launch availability. [Link to additional information](#)

Loral Space & Communications announced that its subsidiary, Space Systems/Loral, was selected to provide a high capacity broadband satellite for ViaSat Inc. ViaSat-1 is expected to be the world's highest capacity broadband satellite. Loral also announced that it is investing in the Canadian coverage portion of the satellite in anticipation of Telesat Canada (which is 64 percent owned by Loral) utilizing the capacity for Canadian services. The satellite is planned for Telesat's 115 West longitude orbital slot and Telesat will also provide telemetry, tracking & control (TT&C) operations for the satellite. [Link to additional information](#)

The International Civil Aviation Organization Council approved standards and recommended practices (SARPs) that will permit **Iridium® Satellite** to provide Aeronautical Mobile Satellite (Route) Services (AMS®S) for commercial aircraft on transoceanic flights. [Link to additional information](#)

Eutelsat Communications announced it has selected EADS Astrium to deliver its first satellite operating exclusively in Ka-band frequencies. The satellite will form the cornerstone of a major new satellite infrastructure program that will significantly expand capacity for consumer broadband services across Europe and the Mediterranean Basin, while providing new opportunities for local and regional television markets. [Link to additional information](#)

Hughes Communications revealed that it entered into an agreement to acquire Helius which provides business IPTV solutions for applications such as training, corporate communications and digital signage. Hughes said it plans to deploy Helius' IP video technologies to enhance its existing HughesNet service offerings. When combined with Hughes' networking services, the Helius product suite provides a cost-effective enterprise networking and communications solution, the company said. *Story Courtesy of SkyREPORT*

Upcoming Meetings and Events

24 January 2008, 26 February 2008 – Washington Space Business Roundtable-The University Club, Washington, DC. www.wsbr.org

26-28 February 2008 – SATELLITE 2008 - Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC www.satellite2008.com

27-29 February 2008 – International Wireless Communications Expo - Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, www.iwceexpo.com

12 – 14 March 2008 – IPTV World Forum 08, Olympia, London www.iptv-forum.com

5-6 March 2008 -- MENASAT@CABSAT 2008, International Convention & Exhibition Centre/World Trade Centre, Dubai, UAE www.gvf-events.org

31 March - 1 April 2008 – Export & Licensing Requirements for Space-Based Programs, sponsored by the Southwest Research Institute, Washington, DC, <http://swri.org/9what/events/confer/export/default.htm>

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