



President's Report

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

SIA Activities

SIA Co-Hosts 4th Annual DoD Commercial Satcom Users Workshop, December 9-11, 2008 at the Bethesda Marriott, Bethesda, MD. This annual event brings together leaders from DoD Combatant Commands, Services and Agencies with satellite operators, service providers, resellers, ground equipment suppliers, and manufacturers. [Link to additional information](#)

SIA filed FCC **Comments on Service Quality and Customer Satisfaction Data** on November 14, 2008.

SIA Press Release announced on November 12, 2008, that **Marie-Pierre Bloch has joined SIA as Director of Communications.**

Recent News

Marshall Communications Corporation will be highlighting "Full Motion Video to the Warfighter" at the upcoming MILCOM 2008 Conference slated to take place November 17-19 at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA. This year's MILCOM Conference supports the theme "Assuring Mission Success". MARSHALL will be exhibiting in booth number 1040. [Link to additional information](#)

The Ciel-2 satellite, built for Canada's Ciel Satellite Group, has been delivered to the Baikonour Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan and is now being prepared for a launch. The spacecraft, which will fly aboard a Proton launch vehicle, has been contracted by **DISH Network**. The satellite will reside at the 129-degree orbital location. *Story Courtesy of SkyREPORT*

Sea Launch took delivery of the SICRAL 1B communications satellite at the Payload Processing Facility at Sea Launch Home Port in the Port of Long Beach. With additional arrivals this month of associated hardware and personnel, preparations for launch operations are now underway in support of this mission in January 2009. Sea Launch will be inserting the SICRAL 1B communications satellite to geosynchronous transfer orbit for Telespazio, a Thales/Finmeccanica company, based in Rome. A contract signed with Telespazio provides for the launch of SICRAL 1B to orbit on a Zenit-3SL vehicle. Built in Torino by Thales Alenia Space Italia, a Thales/Finmeccanica company, the dual-use Italsat 3000 bus spacecraft was integrated and tested in Cannes, France. [Link to additional information](#)

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications for the Democratic Republic of Congo has announced the government's intention to implement market liberalization and regulatory reforms to enable more effective delivery of mission-critical satellite, wireless, and fiber-based telecommunication solutions to citizens throughout the nation. [Link to additional information](#)

DataPath, Inc. has been awarded a delivery order to manufacture and deploy a satellite communications on-the-move solution for U.S. Army forces in Iraq. The order initially includes a SATCOM hub earth terminal and two satellite COTM systems that will be installed on U.S. Army Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles. With all options exercised, work under this agreement could total up to \$3.9 million, including the initial COTM systems, the hub earth terminal and options for additional systems. The DataPath® COTM solution for the U.S. Army includes a low-profile antenna that can enable satellite communications connectivity at vehicle speeds of 80 miles per hour or more. [Link to additional information](#)

Intelsat, Ltd. announced that Sonema, a provider of leading telecommunication services in Europe and Africa, expanded its current agreement with Intelsat for contracted satellite capacity, which will increase Sonema's enterprise services offerings. Sonema uses Intelsat's capacity to provide satellite communication transmissions to businesses, such as financial institutions, in some of the most isolated regions of Africa. Under this new multi-year contract, Sonema will use capacity on Intelsat's IS-904 satellite located at 60° East, and renew its capacity contract on the Intelsat IS-1R satellite, located at 45° West. [Link to additional information](#)

FASTWEB, Italy's second-largest fixed telecommunications provider, has signed an industrial agreement with **Eutelsat Communications** via its Skylogic broadband subsidiary that will allow FASTWEB to extend the coverage of broadband service through satellite connections. [Link to additional information](#)

Upcoming Meetings and Events

2008:

December 9-11 – SIA Co-Sponsored DoD Commercial SATCOM User's Workshop, Bethesda Marriott, Bethesda, MD

2009:

January 18-21 – Pacific Telecom Council PTC '09, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, HI <http://www.ptc.org/>

March 24-27 – Satellite 2009 Conference & Exhibition, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC <http://www.satellitetoday.com/satellite2009/>

August 18-20 – LandWarNet 2009, Fort Lauderdale, FL

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