



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.

Recent News

GHL Acquisition Corp. and **Iridium Holdings LLC** jointly announced the signing of a definitive agreement under which they plan to combine. The proceeds of the transaction will enable Iridium to be debt free and well positioned to develop its next generation satellite constellation, "Iridium NEXT." GHL Acquisition is the special purpose acquisition company sponsored by Greenhill & Co., Inc. [NYSE:GHL], which raised approximately \$400 million of gross proceeds earlier this year, and is approximately 17.5% owned by Greenhill & Co. [Link to additional information](#)

Marshall Communications Corporation announces that the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) of the United States Department of Defense (DOD) has awarded a contract to MARSHALL for the procurement, installation, and training of a Digital Video Broadcasting, Return Channel MicroHub, and DVB-RCS VSAT terminals. DISA will be leveraging the MicroHub at its facility in Falls Church, VA to further evaluate new feature sets and functionalities of the DVB-RCS/S2 technology. [Link to additional information](#)

Boeing announced that it has used an operational, commercial communications satellite to demonstrate the maturity of its Internet-like, space-based packet-switching technology during a program review of the company's proposed Transformational Satellite Communications System for the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). The Boeing-built SPACEWAY™ 3 satellite was used for the review, which took place earlier this month at three locations across the United States with participants interacting through a videoconference and collaboration software. SPACEWAY 3, which is owned and operated by **Hughes Network Systems, LLC**, is the only satellite of its type in orbit. Its unique packet-switching technology is directly applicable to Boeing's proposed TSAT system. [Link to additional information](#)

Hughes Network Systems, LLC announced that its latest generation Hughes 9250 mobile satellite terminal has been fully Type Approved to operate over **Inmarsat's** Broadband Global Area Network. The Hughes 9250 is designed to deliver the highest available transmit and receive rates of up to 492 Kbps while "on the move" within Inmarsat's global BGAN satellite coverage area. [Link to additional information](#)

Intelsat, Ltd. announced that the Galaxy 19 satellite was successfully launched aboard a Sea Launch Zenit-3SL rocket. The satellite, built by **Space Systems/Loral**, will operate from 97° West, replacing the Galaxy 25 spacecraft. Galaxy 19 will provide valuable 50-state coverage, in addition to reaching the Caribbean, Canada and Mexico, to video, government and network customers. Galaxy 19 will join Intelsat's coveted North American Galaxy fleet comprised of 16 other satellites that cover North America, Central America and the Caribbean. [Link to additional information](#)

The IKONOS commercial remote sensing satellite, designed and built by **Lockheed Martin**, achieved its ninth year of on-orbit service and continues to provide high-resolution imagery of the Earth to commercial and government customers around the world. IKONOS is owned and operated by GeoEye of Dulles, Va. The spacecraft collects 0.82-meter resolution black-and-white imagery while simultaneously collecting just better than four-meter resolution multispectral data. [Link to additional information](#)

Mobile Satellite Ventures announced that in cooperation with the Fairfax County, Virginia, Office of Emergency Management and Department of Public Safety Communications will create and manage the South East Satellite Mutual Aid Radio Talkgroup operating on the MSV satellite communications network. SE-SMART is the eighth, multi-state, regionally-focused and managed talkgroup provided by MSV to facilitate rapid, reliable and interoperable communications over satellite for public safety operations and emergency responders. [Link to additional information](#)

2008 Upcoming Meetings and Events

This Month:

September 29 - October 3– IAC 2008 International Astronautical Congress and Exhibition, Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre and Crowne Plaza Hotel in Glasgow, Scotland, www.iac2008.co.uk

Ahead:

October 14 – ISCe Satellite Investment Symposium (ISIS NYC '08) – 3 West Club, New York, NY www.isis-nyc.com

October 14 - SSPI 3rd Annual Future Leaders Dinner. 3 West Club, New York, NY. www.satfuture.com

October 15-16 – SATCON Satellite and Content Delivery Conference & Expo, Javits Convention Center, New York, NY <http://www.satconexpo.com/>

October 29 – 31 – TCIP 10th Annual Conference Hyatt Regency Chicago Chicago, IL www.ctc.org

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

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

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