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**SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION BOARD
ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 2009:
DONNA BETHEA-MURPHY, CHAIRMAN**

Washington, D.C. January 27, 2008 - The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) announced its new Board of Directors for 2009. Ms. Donna Bethea-Murphy of Iridium Satellite has been elected as Chairman of the Board, with Mr. David Cavossa of Arrowhead as Vice Chairman, and Ms. Leslie Blaker of Datapath, as Treasurer.

Ms. Bethea-Murphy is Vice President of Regulatory Engineering for Iridium Satellite, LLC. In this capacity, she leads the company's domestic and international technical regulatory activities, including those related to policy, spectrum, standards, licensing, and the activities of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). In addition to her board activities at SIA, she serves on the board of the Mobile Satellite Users Association. She was previously responsible for domestic and international satellite policy at the FCC.

Mr. Cavossa, elected as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2009, is currently Vice President of Operations for Arrowhead Global Solutions, Inc., where he is responsible for coordinating government affairs, business development, and public affairs activities for Arrowhead and CapRock Communications. Prior to his position at Arrowhead, he was the Executive Director for SIA from 2004 through 2007.

Ms. Blaker, incoming Treasurer for SIA, is currently Vice President of Government Affairs and Development at DataPath. Previously she served as Vice President, Development for Americom Government Services, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of SES Global, S.A. that serves the U.S. government in the areas of civilian and defense broadband communications. There her responsibilities included strategic development and related governmental affairs. Ms. Blaker has more than 20 years of experience within the satellite industry supporting the U.S. government, including other senior roles at iDirect Technologies, Loral Orion, GTE Spacenet, Hughes Network Systems and Northern Telecom.

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About the Satellite Industry Association

SIA is a U.S.-based trade association providing worldwide representation of the leading satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, and ground equipment suppliers. SIA is the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business.

SIA Executive Members include: Arrowhead Global Solutions Inc.; Artel Inc.; The Boeing Company; DataPath, Inc.; The DIRECTV Group; Hughes Network Systems, LLC; ICO Global Communications; Integral Systems, Inc.; Intelsat, Ltd.; Iridium Satellite, LLC; Lockheed Martin Corp.; Loral Space & Communications Inc.; Northrop Grumman Corporation; SES Americom, Inc.; SkyTerra; and TerreStar Networks, Inc. Associate Members include: ATK Inc.; Comtech EF Data Corp.; Constellation Networks Corp.; EchoStar Satellite, LLC; EMC, Inc.; Eutelsat Inc.; iDirect Government Technologies; Inmarsat Inc.; Marshall Communications Corp.; Panasonic Avionics Corporation; Spacecom Ltd.; Stratos Global Corp; SWE-DISH Space Corp; Telesat; and WildBlue Communications, Inc.

Additional information about SIA can be found at <http://www.sia.org>.

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