Icom Inc. Announces Partnership with Iridium Communications Inc. to Develop a New Push-To-Talk Radio Communication Solution over Satellite

Icom Inc. (Headquarters: Hirano, Osaka, Japan/President: Masataka Harima) has entered into a partnership with Iridium Communications Inc. (Headquarters: McLean, Virginia., USA/CEO: Matthew J. Desch) to develop and sell a new satellite Push-To-Talk (PTT) communications product for the Iridium[®] network. In a smart collaboration of both companies' core competencies, Icom's radio expertise and Iridium's satellite expertise, the partnership will provide a professional radio communications solution which will enable users to communicate wherever they are on the earth.

The Satellite PTT radio is a professional radio communications system using the Iridium satellite communication network. This system enables real-time, one-to-many communication throughout the world with only a push of a PTT (transmit) button. In addition, Iridium's unique interconnected satellite architecture ensures stable and reliable communication even if large-scale disasters occur on earth and terrestrial networks are compromised. Icom President Masataka Harima says, "Icom has been developing various wireless communications equipment for land use, marine use, and air band use. This Satellite PTT project will be a tough challenge, but the project will fill an important piece of our product lineups that cover all areas from the surface of the earth and even in to space. We continue to challenge ourselves."

"The market has shown a clear demand for a PTT-only radio solution designed for the Iridium network," said Mr. Joel Thompson, vice president, Global Product and Service Management, Iridium. "With Icom's significant experience in the LMR sector, we believe they are the perfect partner to introduce what will be the world's first truly-global PTT-only handheld."

Shipment time and price of the product are still not fixed as of this announcement.

About Icom Inc.

Icom Incorporated is a wireless communications equipment manufacturing company located in Osaka, Japan. Since the Icom's establishment in 1954, Icom have had a long record as a trusted manufacturer of land mobile radios, marine radios, navigation products, aviation radios, communications receivers, and amateur radios. Icom is recognized as a reliable two-way radio global brand name around the world with a reputation for rugged, high quality products. Icom radios are used by many professional organizations worldwide including military/police forces, local governments, utilities, transportation/airports, security firms, and many other users. Icom is taking this deep knowledge of radio technology and expanding to a new genre of professional radio in the satellite communication field. For more information about Icom and products, visit <u>www.icom.co.jp/world</u>.

About Iridium Communications Inc.

Iridium is the only mobile voice and data satellite communications network that spans the entire globe. Iridium enables connections between people, organizations and assets to and from anywhere, in real time. Together with its ecosystem of partner companies, Iridium delivers an innovative and rich portfolio of reliable solutions for markets that require truly global communications. The company has a major development program underway for its next-generation network — Iridium NEXT. Iridium Communications Inc. is headquartered in McLean, Va., U.S.A., and its common stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the ticker symbol IRDM. For more information about Iridium products, services and partner solutions, visit <u>www.iridium.com</u>.