

DESCH MATTHEW J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DESCH MATTHEW J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Iridium Communications Inc.  
[IRDM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Executive Officer

C/O IRIDIUM  
COMMUNICATIONS INC., 1750  
TYSONS BOULEVARD, SUITE  
1400

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MCLEAN, VA 22102

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (D) Price		
Common Stock	03/01/2012		A		37,103 (1)	A	\$ 0 273,596 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.56	03/01/2012		A	83,731	<u>(2)</u> 03/01/2022	Common Stock 83,731

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DESCH MATTHEW J C/O IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC. 1750 TYSONS BOULEVARD, SUITE 1400 MCLEAN, VA 22102	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Christi Novak,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
03/05/2012  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

These shares are represented by restricted stock units. The shares of Common Stock underlying this restricted stock unit award vest as to (1) 25% on March 1, 2013 and quarterly thereafter in equal installments (rounded down to the nearest whole number) on June 1, September 1 and December 1 so that all shares of Common Stock shall be vested as of March 1, 2016.

These options shall vest and become exercisable as to 25% of the shares of Common Stock underlying the option on March 1, 2013 and (2) quarterly thereafter in equal installments on June 1, September 1 and December 1 so that all shares of Common Stock underlying the option shall vest and become exercisable on March 1, 2016.

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