

IRIDIUM TEAM TO PROVIDE SATELLITE TRACKING FOR IDITAROD AIR FORCE PILOTS

BETHESDA, Md. – March 1, 2007 – Iridium, WCC, ONTEC and ASE have teamed up again to provide real-time satellite data links to track the location and movement of aircraft supporting the 2007 Iditarod dogsled race. After a successful tracking of the Iron Dog Snow machine race the Team is back by request to provide tracking and communication for the aircraft.

Billed as the “Last Great Race,” the Iditarod Sled Dog Race is scheduled to begin Sunday March 4, 2007. The race covers 1,150 miles of the most extreme and beautiful terrain known to man: across mountain ranges, frozen rivers, dense forests, desolate tundra and windswept coastline, extending from Wasilla on Alaska’s south coast to Nome on the west coast. The Pilots that support the race are known as the Iditarod Air force and are led by chief pilot John Norris. (www.iditarodairforce.com) While the race starts on the 4th of March, the pilots have been moving equipment and supplies for months in some of the harshest most demanding conditions known to pilots where temperatures can drop to a bone chilling -80 F as in Jan 23, 1971 and conditions change by the minute.

The Iridium-based tracking and communication devices are supplied by World Communication Center (WCC), an Iridium value-added reseller and service provider, in collaboration with Applied Satellite Engineering (ASE) and Ontec Technologies. ASE and Ontec have partnered to develop a Web-based global mobile asset tracking application using the Iridium satellite network.

The ASE SBD Pro tracking module utilizes Iridium’s short-burst data service. The unit is powered by the aircraft and has convenient front-panel LED status indicators to show power, GPS tracking and Iridium satellite connections at a glance. It also has four communication buttons and a visual notification light that lets the pilot know to call dispatch. The four preprogrammed buttons are set for the pilot to be able to send predetermined messages at the touch of a button. The messages can be anything but the Iditarod Air force has requested the following.

- 1: Emergency, need help.
- 2: Weather good continuing on

3: Returning back to base

4: Short delay no problems

These messages can be sent to a predetermined email address, pager or cell phone and is user defined via the Ontec Web portal (www.ontec.com) “These small portable devices are not permanently installed and can fit in a coat pocket only needing a power source of 10 to 32 Volts DC making them invaluable safety communication devices for our pilots.” says Chief pilot John Norris.

The ASE satellite terminal transmits data at predetermined intervals to a central server, where it is accessed using a secure Internet portal, providing a real-time picture of each pilot’s position on a digital map display. In this way officials and other interested parties will view the current locations of aircraft on the Iditarod Air force’s web page (<http://www.iditarodairforce.com/tracking.htm>).

“For the Iditarod Air force challenge, WCC’s solution leverages Iridium’s ubiquitous coverage across the entire state of Alaska via reliable satellite data connections, providing a vital safety tool for the race organizers and pilots,” said Sam Romey, president of WCC. “It will also provide a real peace of mind for family members and support personal who in the past had to wait for a pilot to show up to know weather conditions and status.”

“While we are pleased to provide this important safety service for the Iditarod Air force we recognize that a large number of Alaskans depend on Iridium as their sole communication link in their work, travel and day-to-day activities, and we view our satellite voice and data service as a vital public utility for the state’s citizens,” said Greg Ewert, executive vice president of Iridium Satellite. “Due to Alaska’s unique geography, Iridium is in many cases the only available communication link with the outside world.”

About Iridium Satellite

Iridium Satellite LLC (www.iridium.com) is the only provider of truly global satellite voice and data solutions with complete coverage of the earth (including oceans, airways and Polar Regions). Iridium delivers essential communications services to and from remote areas where no other form of communication is available. The Iridium constellation consists of 66 low-earth orbiting (LEO), cross-linked satellites and has multiple in-orbit spares. The constellation operates as a fully meshed network and is the

largest commercial satellite constellation in the world. The Iridium service is ideally suited for industries such as maritime, aviation, government/military, emergency/humanitarian services, mining, forestry, oil and gas, heavy equipment, transportation and utilities. Iridium provides service to the U.S. Department of Defense. The company also designs, builds and sells its services, products and solutions through a worldwide network of more than 100 partners.

About WCC

World Communication Center (www.wccip.com), a subsidiary of SatCom Group, is a leading provider of global satellite solutions, including telephones, pagers, WiFi networking and broadband Internet satellite devices and services. The company's broad spectrum of products and service providers include Inmarsat, VSAT, Iridium, BGAN, Nera, HughesNet, Starband, iNetVU, Strix Systems and Tachyon, which allow the instant creation of a mobile office anywhere. With options for rental or for-purchase satellite communication solutions for maritime, aviation, military and ground transportation, WCC serves government agencies, corporate entities and business or leisure travelers. Customers include the State of Alaska, NASA, the Peace Corps and Boeing.

About Applied Satellite Engineering

Applied Satellite Engineering (www.ase-corp.com) provides stock, semi-custom and custom design solutions for voice, data and control applications, primarily focusing on the global Iridium system. ASE's founding engineers have been developing embedded products for over 20 years and have introduced many products on the market today in the semiconductor, medical and telecommunications industries.

About Ontec Technologies

Ontec Technologies (www.ontec.com) is a partnership-focused company designed to assist the realization of technological products and services that advance communications. With an emphasis on mobile asset tracking applications, Ontec Technologies' team puts to work their extensive software and development experience customizing applications that are beneficial to the communities that utilize them.