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IRIDIUM TO PROVIDE SATELLITE TRACKING FOR SNOWMOBILES IN ALASKA'S TESORO IRON DOG RACE

BETHESDA, Md. – February 8, 2007 – Iridium is providing real-time satellite data links to track the location and movement of teams participating in the 2007 Tesoro Iron Dog snowmobile race.

Billed as the “World’s Longest, Toughest Snowmobile Race,” the Tesoro Iron Dog competition is scheduled to begin February 11, 2007. The six-day race covers a 1,971-mile route extending from Wasilla on Alaska’s south coast to Nome on the west coast and then to the finish line in Fairbanks.

The Iridium-based tracking 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 snowmobile’s 12-Volt battery and has convenient front-panel LED status indicators to show power, GPS tracking and Iridium satellite connections at a glance. It also has an optional “man down” tether switch that automatically sends a distress message, which includes the GPS location if the driver is thrown from the snowmobile. This message can be sent to a predetermined email address, pager or cell phone and is user defined via the Ontec Web portal (www.ontec.com)

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 racer’s position on a digital map display. In this way, race teams, sponsors, race officials and other

interested spectators will view the current locations of competitors on the Tesoro Iron Dog Website (www.irondog.org).

“For the Tesoro Iron Dog 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 participants,” said Sam Romey, president of WCC. “It will also stimulate increased interest among fans, who will be able to follow their favorite teams on the Internet.”

“While we are pleased to provide this important safety service for the Tesoro Iron Dog Race, 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.wccpl.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.

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