

NIEHAUS ROBERT H
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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 *
NIEHAUS ROBERT H

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)
300 PARK AVENUE, 23RD FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/04/2013

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

(Street)
NEW YORK, NY 10022

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
							\$
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/04/2013		A		10,708.7 ⁽²⁾	A	6.86 ⁽³⁾
					521,786.6	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)

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.86	01/04/2013		A	15,557	(4) 01/04/2023	Common Stock	15,557

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NIEHAUS ROBERT H 300 PARK AVENUE, 23RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		

Signatures

/s/Brian Leaf,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/08/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- (1) This security represents restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock of the issuer.
 - (2) The shares underlying this restricted stock unit award vest in four equal quarterly installments on the last day of each calendar quarter during 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer as of the vesting date.
 - (3) The restricted stock units were issued to the reporting person pursuant to the issuer's director compensation plan in lieu of annual retainer and committee chairman fees of \$73,462.
 - (4) The shares underlying this option vest in four equal quarterly installments on the last day of each calendar quarter during 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer as of the vesting date.
 - (5) This stock option was issued to the reporting person as compensation for services as a director pursuant to the issuer's director compensation plan in lieu of annual retainer fees of \$41,538.

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