



Director's Report

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The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) Director's Report is a weekly executive capsule covering current satellite industry news and events. See the bottom of page for additional information.

Recent News

Unprecedented support from national administrations, the communications user community, and the global satellite industry has resulted in a landmark decision to preserve "C-band" spectrum for the interference-free delivery of vital fixed and mobile satellite services. The break-through was made today during the final hours of the month-long ITU World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) in Geneva, Switzerland, where the nations of the world meet every four years to determine how spectrum will be used to provide communications services. [Link to additional information](#)

During the next handful of years, the commercial transponder market is going to see an increase in sales and revenue, while demand for capacity is expected to explode. A new study suggests that not only will several hundred new C- and Ku-band transponders be sold by 2012, Ka-band capacity demand is looking at a five-fold increase. Story Courtesy of SkyREPORT

The Lockheed Martin-built Sirius-4 communications satellite is ready for launch this Sunday, Nov. 18 from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. Hitching a ride via a Proton/Breeze M launch vehicle provided by International Launch Services, SES' Sirius-4 will be located at orbital location 5 degrees east. SES said Sirius-4 will provide distribution of DTH broadcast and interactive services across Scandinavia, Europe and Africa. Story Courtesy of SkyREPORT

DataPath, Inc. has added baseband solutions for its mobile satellite communications (SATCOM) networks to the General Services Administration (GSA) IT Schedule 70 contract (number GS-35F-0424T). DataPath baseband solutions are scalable, modular systems that feature split NIPRnet and SIPRnet architecture, Cisco® routers, Cisco switches for IPv6 support, optional Cisco Call Manager Express, and the DataPath IP Accelerator™ for vastly improved throughput. [Link to additional information](#)

Hughes Network Systems, LLC announced that it has signed a contract with Max Telecom of Bulgaria to provide the AIReach® AB9400 point-to-multipoint broadband wireless system. [Link to additional information](#)

Iridium® Satellite LLC announces its support of a recent decision by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to give Iridium exclusive access to 2.625 MHz of previously shared spectrum for global mobile satellite services (MSS). In addition, the FCC granted Iridium 0.95 MHz of shared spectrum. [Link to additional information](#)

Lockheed Martin has achieved another major milestone in the development of the Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF) military communications system with the successful delivery of the core propulsion module for the second satellite in the program constellation. The AEHF system will provide global, highly secure, protected, survivable communications for all warfighters serving under the U.S. Department of Defense. [Link to additional information](#)

Upcoming Meetings and Events

30 November 2007, 6 December 2007, 24 January 2008, 26 February, 2008 – Washington Space Business Roundtable-The University Club, Washington, DC. www.wsbr.org

6 December 2007 – SSPI – “How are Private Equity Firms & Investors Shaping the Satellite Industry?” Washington, DC sspi@erols.com

26-28 February 2008 – SATELLITE 2008 - Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC www.satellite2008.com

27-29 February 2008 – International Wireless Communications Expo - Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada, www.iwceexpo.com

12 – 14 March 2008 – IPTV World Forum 08, Olympia, London www.iptv-forum.com

31 March- 1 April 2008 – Export & Licensing Requirements for Space-Based Programs, Southwest Research Institute, Washington, DC

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