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### **Satcom Direct Advances Technology with Inmarsat-4 Satcom Datalink**

*Satcom Direct announces advancement in technology as first service provider to successfully send and receive satcom datalink messages over the new Inmarsat-4 satellite constellation*

**Satellite Beach, Fla.** (June 29, 2009) – Satcom Direct, a leading innovator of satellite voice, fax, and Internet data service solutions, announces it is the first service provider to successfully send and receive satcom datalink (AFIS/ACARS) messages over the Inmarsat-4 satellite constellation. This achievement in technology took place onboard a Global Express aircraft utilizing Satcom Direct's FlightDeck Freedom™ in collaboration with SITA's datalink network and the new Inmarsat-4 satellite constellation.

To enable this advancement, Satcom Direct worked directly with SITA, the first network provider to implement classic aeronautical service over the new Inmarsat-4 satellite constellation. Satcom Direct took its existing knowledge of and working relationship with Inmarsat and built upon SITA's milestone to offer dual-direction service for satcom datalink messages.

Satcom datalink is used by pilots to upload flight plans into the aircraft flight management computer and to receive weather updates, text messages, Air Traffic Control clearances, and various other items pertaining to the flight, including position reporting. Satcom datalink messages can be sent or received via FlightDeck Freedom through Inmarsat and SITA.

"FlightDeck Freedom is a revolution in bundled aviation communications that offers customers a complete range of satcom options, especially when combined with SITA and Inmarsat," said Scott Hamilton, Vice President, Business and Strategic Development of Satcom Direct. "By utilizing existing technology from SITA and Inmarsat and combining it with our knowledge and experience, we continue to set the industry standard for providing excellence in satcom services, support, and technology."

Satcom Direct offers a variety of bundled solutions which include voice, fax, Internet, and datalink communications, such as FlightDeck Freedom. With FlightDeck Freedom, customers can access multiple flight plan and trip planning providers and have flight information sent directly to the aircraft via datalink. It also enables text and graphical weather, pre-departure clearances, oceanic clearances, digital ATIS (DATIS), text message delivery, and satcom systems status, plus use of VHF and satcom for datalink, all for a fixed annual fee with no extra charges for satellite communications.

FlightDeck Freedom interfaces with different types of avionics, including Honeywell AFIS, Honeywell Primus Epic, Rockwell Collins CMU-4000, Teledyne Controls Tealink, and Universal Avionics Unilink, and is compatible with aircraft produced by Boeing, Bombardier, Cessna, Dassault Falcon Jet, Gulfstream, Hawker, and others.

#### **About Satcom Direct**

Founded in 1997, Satcom Direct is the leading innovator of satellite voice, fax, and broadband data service solutions for business and general aviation, military, government, emergency response, media, and other industries that demand secure and reliable global communications. Its primary product, Global One Number®, is an advanced connection service for aeronautical, maritime, and land mobile applications that makes satellite communications as reliable and simple to use as ground-based telephones. Satcom Direct's extensive product portfolio also includes Aero V<sup>SM</sup>, Aero X<sup>®</sup>, FlightDeck Freedom<sup>TM</sup> (FDF), One View<sup>TM</sup>, Plane Simple<sup>®</sup>, and Satcom OnSite; Inmarsat's Classic Voice, Swift 64, and SwiftBroadband; Iridium Aero Services; and ViaSat<sup>®</sup> Yonder<sup>SM</sup> Ku-band Mobile Broadband. For more information regarding Satcom Direct, visit [www.satcomdirect.com](http://www.satcomdirect.com), e-mail [sales@satcomdirect.com](mailto:sales@satcomdirect.com), or call +1.321.777.3000. To view Satcom Direct's portable satellite communication equipment and services, including [satellite phones](#) and [BGAN](#) units, visit [www.satcomstore.com](http://www.satcomstore.com), e-mail [mobileops@satcomdirect.com](mailto:mobileops@satcomdirect.com), or call +1.321.777.0771.

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