

Iridium Communications Inc.
Form 8-K
December 21, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 20, 2012

Iridium Communications Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-33963
(Commission
File Number)

26-1344998
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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1750 Tysons Boulevard

Suite 1400

McLean, VA 22102

(Address of principal executive offices)

703-287-7400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

As previously reported, on October 4, 2010, we entered into a COFACE Facility Agreement with a syndicate of bank lenders, which we amended and restated on August 1, 2012 (the Facility), which provides for borrowings up to \$1.8 billion to fund (i) 85% of the costs of the construction of the satellites for our next-generation satellite constellation, Iridium NEXT, (ii) premiums for the COFACE insurance of 95% of the principal and interest under the Facility, and (iii) a substantial portion of the interest under the Facility during the construction and launch phase of Iridium NEXT. The Facility is comprised of two tranches:

Tranche A \$1,537,500,000 at a fixed rate of 4.96%; and

Tranche B \$262,500,000 at a floating rate equal to the London Interbank Offer Rate (LIBOR) plus 1.95%.

As previously disclosed, we also pay a commitment fee of 0.80% per year, in semi-annual installments, on the undrawn portion of the Facility. Scheduled semi-annual principal repayments will begin six months after the earlier of (i) the launch of a specified number of satellites or (ii) September 30, 2017, and the Facility will mature seven years after the first repayment date. Our obligations under the Facility are secured on a senior basis by a lien on substantially all of our assets. The Facility contains standard representations, conditions precedent to drawing of funds, events of default, acceleration provisions and covenants, including financial performance covenants.

In a series of borrowings under the Facility from November 5 through December 20, 2012, we borrowed an aggregate of approximately \$152.9 million, bringing our total outstanding borrowings under the Facility to approximately \$751.8 million as of the date of this filing.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

IRIDIUM COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Date: December 21, 2012

By: /s/ Thomas J. Fitzpatrick
Name: Thomas J. Fitzpatrick
Title: Chief Financial Officer