

## **Solara Launches A Global, 2-Way Handheld Interactive Satellite Text Messenger**

WINNIPEG, MB – 16 July 2009 – Solara Remote Data Delivery Incorporated announced today the release of the Field Tracker 2100, an interactive text messenger with automatic GPS tracking and **2-way communications anywhere on earth**. The Solara Field Tracker 2100 operates over the Iridium satellite network, making it the only handheld device with on-screen interactive text messaging and GPS tracking with truly global coverage.

"The Field Tracker 2100 is the communications link that provides safety and peace of mind to anyone on a global basis," said Tom Tessier, President of Solara Remote Data Delivery Incorporated. "We are excited to answer the needs of discriminating users looking for a high reliability communicator with fast 2-way communications, built for the toughest field conditions."

The Field Tracker 2100 puts automatic position reporting, bidirectional text messaging, GPS utility functions and an intuitive **2-way Emergency Alert notification system** into the palm of the hand with this small, lightweight unit. The Field Tracker 2100 incorporates an Iridium Short Burst Data (SBD) modem, making its reliable, 2-way, low-latency Iridium-based service available globally. Built-in power saving features allow users to simply turn it on and let it run automatically for days, even weeks, depending on the user's configuration choices. **The comprehensive 2-way Emergency Alert notification system uniquely communicates the nature and severity of an emergency.**

The secure, online Web-based client interface for the Field Tracker 2100 includes tracking of multiple units with online maps, reading and sending text messages to individual Field Tracker 2100 units and the ability to broadcast to multiple units. Forwarding of text messages by email and automated telephone contact anywhere in the world are standard features of the Solara Web-based client interface. Units can be remotely controlled, including changing the time interval between position message transmissions.

Simon Harris-Ward, Director of Operations, Catlin Arctic Survey, found the 2-way communication capabilities and reliability to be exceptional for staying in contact with personnel in remote locations.

"Tracking beacons are utterly essential items of equipment if you have teams out in the field, operating in remote locations or inhospitable environments. Having trialed and used numerous types of beacon in the past, I'd say that the Solara unit is without doubt the most suitable technology on the market at present, especially when it comes to enduring the constant rigors, bitterly low temperatures and non-stop hardship of prolonged polar travel.

Having the ability to control the unit remotely (for example, to conserve battery power) is of enormous benefit, as is the texting facility, which serves as an extremely useful means of communication in the event no other means is available."

The Solara Field Tracker 2100 is now available directly from Solara at [www.solaradata.com](http://www.solaradata.com) and Solara select retailers.

### **About Solara Remote Data Delivery Incorporated**

Solara Remote Data Delivery Incorporated is a communication solutions leader, providing the right balance of tailored technology and client-focused solutions, with expert advice and support. As the designer and manufacturer of the Field Tracker 2000, the Field Tracker 2100, and comprehensive geospatial software solutions, Solara delivers wireless data tools and products that are secure and reliable, made for improved efficiency, profitability and peace of mind.

### **About Iridium Satellite LLC**

Iridium Satellite LLC ([www.iridium.com](http://www.iridium.com)) is the only mobile satellite service (MSS) company offering coverage over the entire globe. The Iridium constellation of low-earth orbiting (LEO), cross-linked satellites provides critical voice and data services for areas not served by terrestrial communication networks. Iridium's subscriber growth has been driven by increasing demand for reliable, global communications. Iridium serves commercial and government markets through a worldwide network of hundreds of distributors. The company's customers represent a broad spectrum of industry, including maritime, aeronautical, government/defense, public safety, utilities, oil/gas, mining, forestry, heavy equipment and transportation. Iridium has launched a major development program for its next-generation satellite constellation, Iridium NEXT, which will result in continued and new Iridium MSS offerings. The company is headquartered in Bethesda, Md., U.S., and is currently privately held.

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