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### **XTAR ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO**

#### *Jay Icard Selected to Lead Organization*

ASHBURN, Virginia (March 5, 2018) – XTAR, LLC has announced Jay Icard as its new President and CEO. Mr. Icard joins XTAR from Comtech Command & Control Technologies where he served as Senior Vice President of Strategic Sales. Mr. Icard spent the last 13 years in the satellite system integration space in a variety of roles with Comtech which acquired TeleCommunication Systems Inc. (TCS) in 2016. Prior to his tenure at Comtech and TCS, Mr. Icard worked for Oracle, MCI and in the Department of Defense acquisition community.

“XTAR’s unique offering provides a number of substantial advantages for its customers and partners. These advantages can be a difference maker for military and government users in our challenging communications environments,” explains Mr. Icard. “I am happy to be part of the XTAR organization and be a champion of our solutions.”

“XTAR is in good hands with Jay,” stated Philip Harlow, outgoing President and COO. “His industry experience, energy and dedication are a great fit for driving the company. Mr. Harlow led XTAR for eight years and will be working with the organization to ensure a smooth transition.

XTAR provides satellite communications in the X-band frequency, which is the communications cornerstone of today's military, diplomatic, humanitarian and emergency disaster response operations. A privately-owned and operated company, XTAR supports the critical satellite communications needs of governments around the world through its two X-band payloads.

#### **ABOUT XTAR**

Founded in 2001, XTAR, LLC is the first commercial satellite operator to provide services in the X-band frequency. XTAR is a privately owned company backed by majority shareholder Loral Space & Communications of New York. XTAR also enjoys investment and support from minority shareholder Hisdesat Strategic Services SA. XTAR launched its fleet without government funding, employing its own technical and financial resources for a system that is reserved exclusively for the benefit of the government user. Countries around the world trust XTAR to support critical services such as border security and information gathering.