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BILL WRIGHT NAMED PRESIDENT OF XTAR

NEW YORK - October 10, 2001 - Loral Space & Communications (NYSE: LOR) today announced that retired Admiral Bill Wright has been named president of the Loral/HISDESAT X-band joint venture company XTAR.

Mr. Wright was previously president, Loral Asia-Pacific, where he represented Loral and its business units to commercial and government customers, providing assistance in planning, financing and regulatory matters, as well as coordinating the activities of all Loral offices in Asia.

A retired rear admiral, Mr. Wright joined Loral in 1998 after a successful 34-year career in the U.S. Navy. In the Navy, Mr. Wright gained extensive experience in dealing with government bodies, with many of his significant achievements coming in the areas of strategic planning, high-level negotiating and international affairs involving simultaneous liaison with several governments.

“Recently, Bill has played an important role in the development of Loral’s business in Asia and has provided Loral with strategic insight and guidance in the region,” said Bernard L. Schwartz, Loral chairman and chief executive officer. “I am delighted to have Bill now taking the lead role at XTAR.”

Mr. Wright earned a bachelor of science degree in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a masters in operations research from Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif. He earned several combat and distinguished service awards during his Navy career.

XTAR, with offices in Washington, D.C., is a satellite operator that will provide X-band satellite communications services to government users in the United States, the Spanish Ministry of Defense and other friendly nations. The company’s first satellite, XTAR-EUR, currently under construction at Space Systems/Loral (SS/L), Palo Alto, Calif., is scheduled to enter service in 2003. XTAR is a joint venture between managing partner Loral and HISDESAT.

HISDESAT, S.A., is a new satellite services company comprised of various Spanish partner companies, notably HISPASAT, S.A., the existing Spanish commercial satellite communications company based in Madrid. HISDESAT will operate the Spainsat satellite, which will primarily provide dedicated communications for the Spanish Ministry of Defense. Spainsat is currently under construction at SS/L and is scheduled to enter service in 2004.

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