**Thales Appoints Chief Technology Officer and Strategic Initiatives Lead for U.S. Communications Business**

**CLARKSBURG, Md., January 31, 2013** – Thales Communications, Inc., a global leader in the development, manufacture, and support of tactical communications products for warfighters and first responders, has appointed Todd Borkey as the company’s Chief Technology Officer and Vice President of Strategic Initiatives. Mr. Borkey is responsible for leading the management of a diverse portfolio of businesses and products, including Sonars, Ship Combat Management Systems, Helmet Mounted Displays, Cyber Security, Training and Simulation, and Radars. This includes identifying additional business areas for company expansion in the U.S. defense and security market and leading the company’s initiatives to extend the scope and reach within U.S. markets for the products and systems of the global Thales organization.

Mr. Borkey is a proven business leader with extensive experience in general management, programs, and business development.  He comes to Thales from DRS Defense Solutions, where, as Chief Technology Officer since 2007, he led the strategic planning, innovation, and IR&D process for its diverse $1.3 billion defense business.  Prior to DRS, Mr. Borkey served as Director of Business Development for Northrop Grumman’s Government Systems Division.   Earlier in his career, he held a range of engineering assignments at AT&T Bell Labs and Sandia Labs.

“Todd’s expertise and leadership will be instrumental in the continued growth of our company,” said Michael Sheehan, President and CEO of Thales Communications, Inc. “With the expansion of our capabilities and our product portfolio, we are well positioned to significantly increase our offerings, and our value, to our customers.”

Mr. Borkey received a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management from the Stevens Institute of Technology and an undergraduate degree in Applied Mathematics.

**About Thales & Thales Communications, Inc.**

Thales ([www.thalesgroup.com](http://www.thalesgroup.com)) is a global technology leader for the Defense, Security, Aerospace, and Transportation markets. In 2011, the company generated revenues of €13 billion (approximately $18.3 billion) with 67,000 employees in 56 countries. With its 22,500 engineers and researchers, Thales has a unique capability to design, develop and deploy equipment, systems and services that meet the most complex security requirements. Thales has an exceptional international footprint, with operations around the world working with customers and local partners.

Thales Communications, Inc. ([www.thalescomminc.com](http://www.thalescomminc.com/)) is a global leader in the development of reliable, software-defined radio equipment and solutions. The company serves the ground, naval, airborne, and homeland security domains with tactical electronic equipment and information systems that address the technological and environmental challenges presented in real-world situations—especially those with size, weight, and power constraints. A U.S. proxy company (100% American), Thales Communications, Inc. is part of Thales.

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