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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

To Prospectus dated May 1, 2012

670,140 Shares

ORBCOMM Inc.

Common Stock

This prospectus supplement relates to the resale of shares of our common stock that may be sold from time to time by the selling stockholders named in the **Selling Stockholders** section of this prospectus supplement. We refer to these shares as resale shares. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of any resale shares by the selling stockholders under this prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol **ORBC**. The last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Global Market on May 14, 2012 was \$3.20 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves certain risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement and the risk factors contained in the accompanying prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You should carefully consider the risk factors described in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before you decide to purchase our common stock.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined that this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus supplement is May 15, 2012.

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In making your investment decision, you should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Neither we nor the selling stockholders have authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information you should not rely on it. The selling stockholders are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any free writing prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document or that the information we have filed and will file with the SEC that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the filing date of the applicable document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This prospectus supplement is a supplement to the accompanying prospectus, dated May 1, 2012, that is also a part of this document. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC using the SEC's shelf registration rules. In this prospectus supplement, we provide you with specific information about the terms of this offering of our common stock. Both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus include or incorporate by reference important information about us, our common stock and other information you should know before investing in our common stock. This prospectus supplement also adds to, updates and changes some of the information contained in the accompanying prospectus. To the extent that any statement that we make in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the statements made or incorporated by reference prior to the date hereof in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, the statements made or incorporated by reference prior to the date hereof in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are deemed modified or superseded by the statements made in this prospectus supplement.

Before you invest in our common stock, you should read carefully the registration statement of which this document forms a part and this document, including the documents incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus that are described under the caption "Where You Can Find More Information" in the accompanying prospectus, and all of the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the information set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus.

This prospectus supplement, including the accompanying prospectus and the incorporated documents, includes trademarks, service marks and trade names owned by us or other companies. All such trademarks, service marks and trade names are the property of their respective owners.

References in this prospectus supplement to "ORBCOMM Inc.", "ORBCOMM", "the company", "we", "us" and "our" are to ORBCOMM Inc., its subsidiaries and its predecessors, unless the context indicates otherwise. The term "you" refers to a prospective investor.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectuses filed by us with the SEC may contain statements that constitute forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements generally relate to our plans, objectives and expectations for future events and include statements about our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, intentions, assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements, including those concerning our expectations, are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the results, projected, expected or implied by the forward-looking statements, some of which are beyond our control, that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to: ongoing global economic instability and uncertainty; substantial losses we have incurred and may continue to incur; demand for and market acceptance of our products and services and the applications developed by our resellers; we may need additional capital to pursue our growth strategy; loss or decline or slowdown in the growth in business from our key customers, such as Caterpillar, Inc., Komatsu Ltd., Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd., and Asset Intelligence, a subsidiary of I.D. Systems, Inc., other value-added resellers or VARs and international value-added resellers or IVARs; loss or decline or slowdown in growth in business of any of the specific industry sectors we serve, such as transportation, heavy equipment, fixed assets and maritime; dependence on a few significant customers; our acquisition of StarTrak Systems, LLC and PAR Logistics Management Systems may expose us to additional risks; litigation proceedings; technological changes, pricing pressures and other competitive factors; the inability of our international resellers and licensees to develop markets outside the United States; the inability to obtain or maintain the necessary regulatory approvals or licenses for particular countries or to operate our satellites; market acceptance and success of our Automatic Identification System (AIS) business; satellite launch and construction delays and cost overruns of our next-generation satellites and launch vehicles; in-orbit satellite failures or reduced performance of our existing satellites; significant liabilities created by products we sell; the failure of our system or reductions in levels of service due to technological malfunctions or deficiencies or other events; our inability to renew or expand our satellite constellation; political, legal, regulatory, government, administrative and economic conditions and developments in the United States and other countries and territories in which we operate; changes in our business strategy; and the other risks described in our filings with the SEC. We undertake no obligation to publicly revise any forward-looking statements or cautionary factors except as required by law. For more detail on these and other risks, please see Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

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OUR COMPANY

We are a global commercial wireless data communications company focused on machine-to-machine (M2M) communications. Our services are designed to enable businesses and government agencies to track, monitor, control and communicate with fixed and mobile assets. We operate a two-way global wireless data messaging system optimized for narrowband data communication. We also provide customers with technology to proactively monitor manage and remotely control refrigerated transportation assets. This technology enables us to expand our global technology platform by transferring capabilities across new and existing vertical markets and deliver complementary products to our channel partners and resellers worldwide. We provide these services through a constellation of 27 low-Earth orbit satellites, two AIS microsattellites and accompanying ground infrastructure, and also provide terrestrial-based cellular communication services through reseller agreements with major cellular wireless providers. Our satellite-based system uses small, low power, fixed or mobile satellite subscriber communicators for connectivity, and cellular wireless subscriber identity modules, or SIMS, are connected to the cellular wireless providers networks, with data gathered over these systems is capable of being connected to other public or private networks, including the Internet.

Our principal executive offices are located at 2115 Linwood Avenue, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024, and our telephone number is (201) 363-4900. Our website is www.orbcomm.com and information contained on our website is not included as a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock being resold by the selling stockholders pursuant to this prospectus supplement involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors, as well as the other information in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus, and carefully read the risks described in the documents incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus, including those set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, before investing in our common stock. Any of these risks could cause our actual results to vary materially from recent results or from anticipated future results or could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. This effect could be compounded if multiple risks were to occur. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment. Please also refer to the section above entitled "Cautionary Statement."

Risks Related to the Offering

Fluctuations in the price of our common stock, including as a result of actual or anticipated sales of shares by stockholders, may make our common stock more difficult to resell.

The market price and trading volume of our common stock have been and may continue to be subject to significant fluctuations due not only to general stock market conditions but also to a change in sentiment in the market regarding the industries in which we operate, our operations, business prospects or liquidity or this offering. During the period from January 1, 2010 to May 14, 2012, our common stock has fluctuated from a high of \$3.95 per share to a low of \$1.64 per share. In addition to the risk factors discussed in our periodic reports and in the accompanying prospectus, the price and volume volatility of our common stock may be affected by actual or anticipated sales of common stock by existing stockholders, including the sale of the resale shares by the selling stockholders, whether in the market or in subsequent public offerings. Stock markets in general have experienced extreme volatility recently that has at times been unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect the trading price of our common stock, regardless of our operating results.

As a result, these fluctuations in the market price and trading volume of our common stock may make it difficult to predict the market price of our common stock in the future, cause the value of your investment to decline and make it more difficult to resell our common stock.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the resale shares by the selling stockholders.

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The shares of our common stock that are being offered hereunder by the selling stockholders are shares delivered or that may be delivered by us in connection with:

the acquisition of the PAR Logistics Management Systems Corporation business from PAR Technology Corporation (PAR) pursuant to an Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement dated as of December 23, 2011 (the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement), which shares include 258,065 shares of our common stock issued to PAR upon consummation of the acquisition and up to 387,097 shares of our common stock held in escrow that may be released to PAR pursuant to the terms of the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement; and

the purchase of the remaining 48% noncontrolling ownership interests in Satcom International Group plc (Satcom), a majority owned subsidiary of ours (other than a 0.12% equity interest held by a Satcom shareholder that is no longer in existence), which shares include 263,133 shares of our common stock issued to Satcom s shareholders.

The shares of our common stock originally delivered to (1) PAR in connection with transaction under the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement and (2) noncontrolling shareholders of Satcom in connection with the purchase of noncontrolling ownership interests were delivered in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), pursuant to Section 4(2) thereof.

All of the shares received by the selling stockholders at the closing of the transactions described above were restricted securities under the Securities Act prior to this registration.

The following table lists the names of the selling stockholders, the number and percentage of shares of common stock beneficially owned by each of the selling stockholders as of the date of this prospectus supplement, the number of shares of common stock offered for sale by each of the selling stockholders by this prospectus supplement, and the number and percentage of shares of common stock to be beneficially owned by each of the selling stockholders after this offering.

Selling Stockholder	Shares Owned Prior to the Offering		Shares Offered	Shares Owned After the Offering	
	Number	Percent		Number	Percent
PAR Technology Corporation(1)	645,162	1.4%	645,162		%
Europa Holdings Limited	14,074	*	14,074		%
Columbus Wireless, LP	6,221	*	6,221		%
Cornelius T. Ryan	2,621	*	2,621		%
William Custer	1,391	*	1,391		%
Linda Allen Custer	671	*	671		%

* Represents beneficial ownership of less than 1% of the outstanding shares of common stock.

(1) The number of shares of common stock beneficially owned prior to this offering by PAR includes 387,097 shares that are subject to and are currently held in escrow, which are available to pay for a portion of certain indemnity obligations of PAR pursuant to the terms of the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement.

Under the terms of the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement, PAR will be entitled to earn-out amounts of up to an aggregate of \$3,950,000 based on achieving certain agreed upon new subscriber targets for 2012 and based on achieving certain agreed upon sales targets for 2012 through 2014, which, if achieved, are payable in cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of both at our option.

Information concerning the selling stockholders may change from time to time and any changed information will be set forth in amendments or supplements to this prospectus supplement if and when necessary.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The selling stockholders have entered into a sales agency agreement with Raymond James & Associates, Inc. (Raymond James) pursuant to which Raymond James has agreed to act as exclusive sales agent for the selling stockholders in connection with the offering of the resale shares. Raymond James will use its reasonable efforts to sell the resale shares and will receive a commission of 5% of the gross price of the resale shares sold.

In connection with the sale of the resale shares hereunder, the selling stockholders and Raymond James may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, any profit on the sale of the resale shares realized by the selling stockholders and any commission received by Raymond James may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts, and the selling stockholders and Raymond James will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. The selling stockholders have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to Raymond James against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The resale shares will be sold through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws. In addition, in certain states the resale shares may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

Under applicable rules and regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), any person engaged in the distribution of the resale shares may not simultaneously engage in market making activities with respect to our common stock for a period of two business days prior to the commencement of such distribution. In addition, the selling stockholders and Raymond James will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the associated rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, including Regulation M, which provisions may limit the timing of purchases and sales of our common stock by the selling stockholders and Raymond James. We will make copies of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus available to the selling stockholders and Raymond James and have informed them of the need to deliver copies of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to purchasers at or prior to the time of any sale of the resale shares.

Raymond James may engage in transactions with, or perform other services for, us in the ordinary course of business for which it will receive customary compensation.

We will bear all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the resale shares. The selling stockholders will bear all commissions and discounts, if any, attributable to the sales of the resale shares.

For additional information, see Plan of Distribution beginning on page 23 of the accompanying prospectus.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered by this prospectus supplement will be passed on for us by Chadbourne & Parke LLP, New York, New York. Certain legal matters in connection with this offering will be passed on for Raymond James & Associates, Inc. by Morrison & Foerster LLP, New York, New York.

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PROSPECTUS

ORBCOMM Inc.

\$40,000,000

Debt Securities

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Warrants

Units

910,000 Shares of Common Stock

Offered by Selling Stockholders

We may use this prospectus at any time or from time to time to offer, in one or more offerings, our debt securities, shares of our common stock, shares of our preferred stock, warrants to purchase our debt securities, common stock or preferred stock or units consisting of any combination of the foregoing securities. Any or all of the securities may be offered and sold separately or together. The debt securities and preferred stock may be convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for other securities. In addition, the selling stockholders named in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement or other filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus may offer at any time or from time to time, in one or more offerings, up to 910,000 shares of our common stock. We will not receive any proceeds from sales of shares by the selling stockholders.

This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which we and the selling stockholders will offer them. We and the selling stockholders will provide the specific terms of these securities, and the manner in which these securities will be offered, in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplements before you invest.

We and the selling stockholders may sell these securities directly, through agents, dealers or underwriters as designated from time to time, or through a combination of these methods. For general information about the distribution of securities offered, please see "Plan of Distribution" in this prospectus. The prospectus supplement for each offering of securities will describe in detail the plan of distribution for that offering.

Our common stock is traded on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "ORBC".

Investing in these securities involves certain risks. See Risk Factors on page 7. You should carefully consider the risk factors described in this prospectus, in any applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any applicable prospectus supplement before you decide to purchase these securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is May 1, 2012.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a shelf registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell, at any time and from time to time, in one or more offerings, our debt securities, shares of our common stock, shares of our preferred stock, warrants to purchase our debt securities, common stock or preferred stock or units consisting of any combination of the other securities described in this prospectus, up to a maximum aggregate offering price of \$40,000,000. In addition, the selling stockholders may sell, at any time and from time to time, in one or more offerings, up to 910,000 shares of our common stock.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we or the selling stockholders may offer and the manner in which we or the selling stockholders may offer them. Each time we or the selling stockholders sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that contains specific information about the terms of those securities and the manner in which they will be offered. The applicable prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplements together with the additional information described below under the headings *Where You Can Find More Information* and *Documents Incorporated by Reference*.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any applicable prospectus supplement. In the event the information set forth in a prospectus supplement differs in any way from the information set forth in this prospectus, you should rely on the information set forth in the prospectus supplement. Neither we nor the selling stockholders have authorized anyone to provide you with different information. Neither we nor the selling stockholders are making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document or that the information we have filed and will file with the SEC that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the filing date of the applicable document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

References in this prospectus to *ORBCOMM*, *the company*, *we*, *us* and *our* are to ORBCOMM Inc. unless the context indicates otherwise. The term *you* refers to a prospective investor.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information, including the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and exhibits to the registration statement, with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public from the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room in Washington, D.C. located at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of any document we file at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC at that address. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Information about us, including our SEC filings, is also available on our website at www.orbcomm.com. The information contained on and linked from our Internet site is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

We are incorporating by reference in this prospectus specified documents that we file with the SEC, which means:

incorporated documents are considered part of this prospectus;

we are disclosing important information to you by referring you to those documents; and

information contained in documents that we file in the future with the SEC automatically will update and supersede earlier information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or a prospectus supplement (any information so updated or superseded will not constitute a part of this prospectus, except as so updated or superseded).

We incorporate by reference in this prospectus the documents listed below and any documents that we file with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering under this prospectus:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011;

Our amended current report on Form 8-K/A filed on August 1, 2011 (amending our current report on Form 8-K filed on May 20, 2011);

Our current report on Form 8-K filed on January 19, 2012;

Our current report on Form 8-K filed on February 27, 2012;

Our amended current report on Form 8-K/A filed on March 6, 2012 (amending our current report on Form 8-K filed on December 29, 2011);

Our current report on Form 8-K filed on March 12, 2012;

Our amended current report on Form 8-K/A filed on March 30, 2012 (amending our current report on Form 8-K filed on January 19, 2012);

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Our current report on Form 8-K filed on April 2, 2012; and

The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on April 27, 2007, as amended (File No. 333-142427), including any amendment or report that updates such description.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we are not incorporating any document or information furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules. Upon written or oral request, we will provide you with a copy of any of the incorporated documents without charge (not including exhibits to the documents unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into the documents). You may submit such a request for this material to ORBCOMM Inc., 2115 Linwood Avenue, Suite 100, Fort Lee, NY 07024, Attention: Investor Relations, (703) 433-6505.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

This prospectus, and documents that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, contain statements that constitute forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements generally relate to our plans, objectives and expectations for future events and include statements about our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, intentions, assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements, including those concerning our expectations, are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the results, projected, expected or implied by the forward-looking statements, some of which are beyond our control, that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to:

ongoing global economic instability and uncertainty;

substantial losses we have incurred and may continue to incur;

demand for and market acceptance of our products and services and the applications developed by our resellers;

we may need additional capital to pursue our growth strategy;

loss or decline or slowdown in the growth in business from our key customers, such as Caterpillar Inc., Komatsu Ltd., Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd., and Asset Intelligence, a subsidiary of I.D. Systems, Inc., other value-added resellers or VARs and international value-added resellers or IVARs;

loss or decline or slowdown in growth in business of any of the specific industry sectors we serve, such as transportation, heavy equipment, fixed assets and maritime;

dependence on a few significant customers;

our acquisition of StarTrak Systems and PAR Logistics Management Systems may expose us to additional risks;

litigation proceedings;

technological changes, pricing pressures and other competitive factors;

the inability of our international resellers and licensees to develop markets outside the United States;

the inability to obtain or maintain the necessary regulatory approvals or licenses for particular countries or to operate our satellites;

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market acceptance and success of our Automatic Identification System (AIS) business;

satellite launch and construction delays and cost overruns of our next generation satellites and launch vehicles;

in-orbit satellite failures or reduced performance of our existing satellites;

significant liabilities created by products we sell;

the failure of our system or reductions in levels of service due to technological malfunctions or deficiencies or other events;

our inability to renew or expand our satellite constellation;

political, legal, regulatory, government, administrative and economic conditions and developments in the United States and other countries and territories in which we operate;

changes in our business strategy; and

the other risks described in our filings with the SEC.

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In addition, specific consideration should be given to various factors described in more detail in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. We undertake no obligation to publicly revise any forward-looking statements or cautionary factors, except as required by law.

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OUR COMPANY

We are a global commercial wireless data communications company focused on machine-to-machine (M2M) communications. Our services are designed to enable businesses and government agencies to track, monitor, control and communicate with fixed and mobile assets. We operate a two-way global wireless data messaging system optimized for narrowband data communication. We also provide customers with technology to proactively monitor manage and remotely control refrigerated transportation assets. This technology enables us to expand our global technology platform by transferring capabilities across new and existing vertical markets and deliver complementary products to our channel partners and resellers worldwide. We provide these services through a constellation of 27 low-Earth orbit satellites, two AIS microsattellites and accompanying ground infrastructure, and also provide terrestrial-based cellular communication services through reseller agreements with major cellular wireless providers. Our satellite-based system uses small, low power, fixed or mobile satellite subscriber communicators for connectivity, and cellular wireless subscriber identity modules, or SIMS, are connected to the cellular wireless providers' networks, with data gathered over these systems is capable of being connected to other public or private networks, including the Internet.

Our principal executive officers are located at 2115 Linwood Avenue, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024 and our telephone number is (201) 363-4900. Our website is www.orbcomm.com and information contained on our website is not included as a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the information included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement before you decide to purchase these securities, including the risk factors incorporated by reference from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as updated by periodic and current reports that we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus. Any of these risks could cause our actual results to vary materially from recent results or from anticipated future results or could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in these securities. Please also refer to the section above entitled "Cautionary Statement".

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USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, we anticipate that the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by us pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include, among other things, debt repayment, stock repurchases, working capital and/or capital expenditures. Net proceeds may be temporarily invested before use.

The selling stockholders will receive all of the net proceeds from the resale of their shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. We will not receive any proceeds from the sales by the selling stockholders.

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If required by SEC rules, we will set forth in a prospectus supplement the following information regarding any material dilution of the equity interests of investors purchasing securities in an offering under this prospectus:

the net tangible book value per share of our equity securities before and after the offering;

the amount of the increase in such net tangible book value per share attributable to the cash payments made by purchases in the offering; and

the amount of the immediate dilution from the public offering price which will be absorbed by such purchasers.

CONSOLIDATED RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND**PREFERENCE DIVIDENDS**

The following table sets forth our consolidated ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends for each of the periods indicated.

		Fiscal Year Ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	2.9	N/A(1)	N/A(1)	N/A(1)	N/A(1)	
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference security dividends	2.6	N/A(1)	N/A(1)	N/A(1)	N/A(1)	

For purposes of this table: Earnings are defined as pre-tax income from continuing operations, adjusted for fixed charges, interest capitalized and income from noncontrolling interests of subsidiaries that have not incurred fixed charges. Fixed charges are defined as interest on borrowings (whether expensed or capitalized). Preference Security Dividend is defined as the amount of pre-tax earnings required to pay the dividends on our outstanding preferred stock.

- (1) Earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges and combined fixed charges and preference security dividends by \$1.9 million, \$2.5 million, \$2.9 million and \$2.6 million for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

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DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

We may issue the debt securities offered by this prospectus under an indenture to be entered into between us and a trustee to be selected by us. We have summarized certain provisions of this indenture below. The summary is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the indenture. The form of indenture is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement for these securities that we have filed with the SEC. If we elect to issue debt securities under another indenture, we will describe certain provisions of that indenture in a prospectus supplement.

When we offer to sell a particular series of debt securities, we will describe the specific terms of the securities in a prospectus supplement.

We encourage you to carefully read the summary below, the applicable prospectus supplements and the indenture.

General

Our indenture provides that we may issue debt securities in one or more series and does not limit the amount of debt securities that may be issued. The debt securities may be senior debt securities or subordinate debt securities. We will include in a supplement to this prospectus the specific terms of debt securities being offered, if any, on which debt securities may be convertible into or exchangeable for common stock or other debt securities. Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be our direct unsecured obligations. Any debt securities designated as senior will rank equally with any of our other senior and unsubordinated debt. Any debt securities designated as subordinated will be subordinate and junior in right of payment to any senior indebtedness. There may be subordinated debt securities that are senior or junior to other series of subordinated debt securities. We may also issue additional amounts of a series of debt securities without the consent of the holders of that series.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any series of debt securities being offered, including the following:

the title and principal amount of the series and whether the series will be senior debt securities or subordinate debt securities;

if other than U.S. dollars, the currency or currencies in which the debt securities are denominated or payable and the manner for determining the equivalent amount in U.S. dollars;

the date or dates on which the principal (and any premium) will be payable, or the method for determining these date(s);

the interest rate or rates, or the method of determining the rate or rates, at which the debt securities will bear interest;

the date or dates from which interest will accrue and the date or dates on which interest will be payable;

the place or places where payments will be made;

any provisions for redemption of the debt securities at our option;

any provisions that would obligate us to redeem or purchase the debt securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a holder;

the portion of the principal amount that will be payable upon acceleration of stated maturity, if other than the entire principal amount;

whether we will issue the debt securities in the form of global securities, the depositary for global securities and provisions for depository arrangements and other applicable terms;

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whether we will pay any additional amounts on the debt securities in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities rather than pay those additional amounts;

any provision that would determine payments on the debt securities by reference to an index;

the person to whom we will pay any interest, if other than the record holder on the applicable record date;

the manner in which any interest payable on any temporary global security will be paid on an interest payment date;

any changes in or additions to the events of default or covenants contained in the indenture;

any defeasance or covenant defeasance provisions;

any conversion or exchange features of the debt securities;

whether the debt securities are senior or subordinated and the terms of subordination applicable to any series of subordinated debt securities;

the identity of the trustee, authenticating agent, security registrar and/or paying agent, if other than the trustee;

whether the debt securities will be secured or unsecured and the terms of any security arrangements; and

any other terms of the debt securities (which will not conflict with the terms of the indenture).

We may sell the debt securities, including original issue discount securities, at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount. If there are any material special U.S. federal income tax considerations or other material special considerations applicable to debt securities we sell at an original issue discount, we will describe them in the applicable prospectus supplement. In addition, we will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement any material special U.S. federal income tax considerations and any other material special considerations for any debt securities we sell which are denominated in a currency or currency unit other than U.S. dollars.

Form and Denominations

Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, debt securities issued as registered securities will be denominated in U.S. dollars in multiples of \$1,000. The indenture provides that we may issue debt securities in global form and in any denomination. Please see [Global Securities](#) below.

Registration, Transfer and Exchange

A holder may exchange registered debt securities for other registered debt securities of the same series, in authorized denominations and with the same principal amount and terms. Debt securities may be exchanged, and a transfer of registered debt securities may be registered, at the office of the security registrar. We may also designate a transfer agent for this purpose for any series of debt securities. No service charge will be made for any exchange or transfer, but payment of any taxes or other governmental charges will be required. We may change the place for exchange and registration of transfer, and may rescind any designation of a transfer agent, at any time. If debt securities of a series are issuable in registered form, we will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for that series. We may at any time designate

additional transfer agents with respect to any series of debt securities.

If debt securities of a particular series are to be redeemed, we will not be required to issue, exchange or register the transfer of:

any debt securities of that series, during a period beginning 15 days before selection of debt securities to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day the redemption notice is mailed; or

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any registered debt security selected for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part.

Global Securities

We may issue one or more series of the debt securities in the form of global securities that will be deposited with a depository. This means that we will not issue certificates to each holder of debt securities of that series. Instead, one or more global securities will be issued to the depository, which will keep a computerized record of its participants (for example, your broker) whose clients have purchased these debt securities. The participant will then keep a record of its clients who purchased these debt securities.

Beneficial interests in global securities will be shown on, and transfers of those interests will be made only through, records maintained by the depository and its participants. We will make payments on the debt securities represented by a global security only to the depository, as the registered holder of these debt securities. All payments to the participants are the responsibility of the depository, and all payments to the beneficial holders of the debt securities are the responsibility of the participants.

Certificates for the debt securities of the series in question may be issued to beneficial holders in some circumstances, including termination of the depository arrangements by us or the depository.

If debt securities are to be issued as global securities, the prospectus supplement will name the depository and will describe the depository arrangements and other applicable terms.

Payment and Paying Agents

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, payments for registered debt securities will be made at the office of the trustee in New York, New York. However, we may choose instead to pay principal by check to the registered owner against surrender of the debt securities or to pay interest on registered debt securities by (i) check mailed to the address of the registered owner or (ii) transfer to an account located in the United States maintained by the registered owner. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, each interest payment on registered debt securities will be made to the person in whose name the debt security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for the interest payment.

We may from time to time designate additional offices or agencies for payment with respect to any debt securities, approve a change in the location of any such office or agency and, except as provided above, rescind the designation of any such office or agency.

Payments on any debt securities that are payable in a currency other than dollars may be made in dollars in certain circumstances when that currency is no longer used. The prospectus supplement for any such debt securities will describe the circumstances in which this will occur.

Any moneys we deposit with the trustee or paying agent for the payment of principal (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, on any debt security that remains unclaimed at the end of two years after the payment is due and payable will be repaid to us upon our request. Thereafter, the holder of the debt security will look only to us for that payment.

Covenants

Any covenants pertaining to a series of debt securities will be set forth in a prospectus supplement relating to such series of debt securities. Except for covenants applicable to debt securities as described in the applicable prospectus supplement, there are no covenants or other provisions contained in the indenture that may afford holders of debt securities protection if there is a leveraged buyout or other highly leveraged transaction involving us.

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Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets

We may consolidate with or merge into any other corporation, or convey or transfer our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any other entity, so long as certain specified conditions are met, including:

the corporation surviving the merger or consolidation, or which acquires the assets, is organized under the laws of the United States, or any state of the United States, and expressly assumes our obligations under the indenture; and

after giving effect to the transaction, there is no event of default under the indenture (as defined below) or event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an event of default.

The successor corporation formed by the consolidation or merger, or to which the conveyance or transfer is made, shall succeed to and be substituted for us under the indenture and thereafter we will be relieved of all obligations and covenants under the indenture, the debt securities.

Covenant Defeasance

The prospectus supplement will state whether the indenture's covenant defeasance provisions apply to the series of debt securities being offered. If these provisions apply, (i) we may omit to comply with certain covenants and (ii) the noncompliance will not be deemed to be an event of default under the indenture and the debt securities, if we irrevocably deposit with the trustee, in trust, sufficient money or U.S. government securities to pay the principal of (and premium, if any), interest, if any, and any other sums payable on the debt securities when due. We must also deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of the debt securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit and defeasance of certain obligations and will be subject to the same federal income tax consequences as if the deposit, defeasance and discharge had not occurred. Our obligations under the indenture and debt securities, other than with respect to the relieved covenants referred to above, and the events of default, other than the relieved event of default referred to above, will remain in full force and effect.

Modification of Indenture and Waiver of Certain Covenants

Without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of each series affected, we and the trustee may execute a supplemental indenture for limited purposes, including adding to our covenants or events of default, curing ambiguities, appointing a successor trustee and other changes that do not adversely affect the rights of a holder of debt securities.

With the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected, we and the trustee may also execute a supplemental indenture to change the indenture or modify the rights of the holders of debt securities of any series. However, the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected is required for execution of a supplemental indenture that would (i) change the maturity of principal or interest, if any, on any debt security, reduce the amount of any principal, premium or interest payment, change the currency in which any debt security is payable or impair the right to bring suit to enforce any payment rights, or (ii) reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities of the series whose consent is required to authorize the supplemental indenture.

The holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of the debt securities of any series may waive our compliance with certain covenants in the indenture with respect to that series.

The indenture contains provisions for determining whether the holders of the requisite percentage of outstanding principal amount of a series of debt securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, in cases where debt securities were issued at a discount, or where the principal amount was denominated in a foreign currency. In addition, for these purposes, debt securities owned by us or our affiliates are deemed not to be outstanding.

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Defaults and Certain Rights on Default

An event of default with respect to any series of debt securities is defined in the indenture as any of the following events:

failure to pay any interest on the debt securities of the series for 30 days after it is due;

failure to pay principal of (and premium, if any, on) the debt securities of the series when due, whether at maturity, upon acceleration or upon redemption;

failure to perform any other covenant in the indenture for 90 days after notice;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or reorganization relating to us; or

any other event of default made applicable to a particular series of debt securities and described in the applicable prospectus supplement for that series.

An event of default for a particular series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an event of default for any other series. We are required to deliver to the trustee annually a written statement as to the fulfillment of our obligations under the indenture.

If an event of default for any series of debt securities occurs and continues, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% of the outstanding principal amount of the debt securities of the series may declare the principal amount of all the debt securities of the series to be immediately due and payable. The declaration may, under certain circumstances, be rescinded by the holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of the debt securities of the series.

Other than its duties in case of an event of default, the trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request of any of the holders of debt securities, unless the holders offer to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity. If they provide this reasonable security or indemnity, subject to certain limitations described in the indenture, the holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of the debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee. The holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of the debt securities of any series may waive any past default with respect to debt securities of the series except a default in payment on any of the debt securities of the series or a default with respect to a covenant that cannot be modified without the consent of the holder of each debt security affected.

Conversion Rights

If applicable, the terms of debt securities of any series that is convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock or other securities or property will be described in an applicable prospectus supplement. These terms will describe whether conversion or exchange is mandatory, at the option of the holder or at our option. These terms may include provisions pursuant to which the number of shares of our common stock or other securities or property to be received by the holders of debt securities would be subject to adjustment.

Governing Law

The indenture and the debt securities will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

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DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following description of our capital stock, as amended or superseded by any applicable prospectus supplement, includes a summary of certain provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended bylaws. This description is subject to the detailed provisions of, and is qualified by reference to, our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended bylaws, copies of which have been incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

We are authorized to issue (1) 250,000,000 shares of common stock, with a par value of \$0.001 per share, of which 46,452,726 shares were outstanding as of March 15, 2012 and (2) 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock, with a par value of \$0.001 per share, of which 1,000,000 shares are designated as Series A convertible preferred stock and 176,756 shares were outstanding as of March 31, 2012. The authorized shares of our common stock and preferred stock are available for issuance without further action by our stockholders, unless the action is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange or automated quotation system on which our securities may be listed or traded. If the approval of our stockholders is not so required, our board of directors may determine not to seek stockholder approval.

Certain of the provisions described below could have the effect of discouraging transactions that might lead to a change of control of us. These provisions:

establish a classified board of directors whereby our directors are divided into three classes, nearly equal in number as possible, and elected for staggered three-year terms in office so that only a portion of our directors stand for election in any one year;

require stockholders to provide advance notice of any stockholder nominations of directors or any proposal of new business to be considered at any meeting of stockholders;

require a supermajority vote to remove a director or to amend or repeal certain provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation; and

preclude stockholders from amending our bylaws or calling a special meeting of stockholders.

Common Stock

Dividends. Holders of common stock are entitled to such dividends as may be declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available therefor. Dividends may not be paid on common stock unless all accrued dividends on preferred stock, if any, have been paid or set aside. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, the holders of common stock will be entitled to share pro rata in the assets remaining after payment to creditors and after payment of the liquidation preference plus any unpaid dividends to holders of any outstanding preferred stock.

Voting. Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each such share outstanding in the holder's name. No holder of common stock is entitled to cumulate votes in voting for directors.

Other Rights. Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that, unless otherwise determined by our board of directors, no holder of shares of common stock will have any right to purchase or subscribe for any stock of any class that we may issue or sell.

Preferred Stock

General. Our restated certificate of incorporation permits us to issue up to 50,000,000 shares of our preferred stock in one or more series and with rights and preferences that may be fixed or designated by our board of directors without any further action by our stockholders. The designations and the relative rights, preferences and limitations of the preferred stock of each series will be fixed by an amendment to our restated certificate of incorporation relating to each series adopted by our board, including:

the maximum number of shares in the series and the distinctive designation;

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the terms on which dividends, if any, will be paid;

the terms on which the shares may be redeemed, if at all, including any restrictions on the repurchase or redemption of such shares by us while there is an arrearage in the payment of dividends or sinking fund installments if applicable;

the terms of any sinking fund for the purchase or redemption of the shares of the series;

the amounts payable on shares in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up;

the terms and conditions, if any, on which the shares of the series shall be convertible into our shares of any other class or series or any other securities of ours or of any other corporation;

the restrictions on the issuance of shares of the same series or any other class or series; and

the voting rights, if any, of the shares of the series.

Although our board of directors has no intention at the present time of doing so, it could issue a series of preferred stock that could, depending on the terms of the series, impede the completion of a merger, tender offer or other takeover attempt.

Series A Convertible Preferred Stock

General. Our Certificate of Designation of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, authorizes us to issue up to 1,000,000 shares designated as Series A Convertible Preferred Stock . Holders of Series A convertible preferred stock are entitled, in preference to holders of common stock, to such dividends as the board of directors may declare out of funds legally available for the purpose and payments upon our dissolution, liquidation and winding-up of ORBCOMM.

Dividends. Holders of the Series A convertible preferred stock are entitled to receive a cumulative 4% dividend annually (calculated on the basis of the redemption price of \$10.00 per share) payable quarterly in additional shares of the Series A convertible preferred stock.

Conversion. Shares of the Series A convertible preferred stock are convertible into 1.66611 shares of common stock: (1) at the option of the holder at any time or (2) at our option beginning six months from the issuance date and if the average closing market price for our common stock for the preceding twenty consecutive trading days equals or exceeds \$11.20 per share.

Voting. Each share of the Series A convertible preferred stock is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock into which the preferred stock is convertible.

Liquidation. In the event of any liquidation, sale or merger of ORBCOMM, the holders of the Series A convertible preferred stock are entitled to receive prior to and in preference over the common stock, an amount equal to \$10.00 per share plus unpaid dividends.

Redemption. The Series A convertible preferred stock may be redeemed by us for an amount equal to the issuance price of \$10.00 per share plus all unpaid dividends at any time after two years from the issuance date.

No Sinking Fund. The shares of the Series A convertible preferred stock will not be entitled to benefit of any sinking or purchase fund to applied to the redemption to purchase of such stock.

Other. The affirmative vote or written consent of the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the aggregate number of shares at the time outstanding of the Series A convertible preferred stock is required for us to authorize, create or increase any capital stock ranking equal or prior to the Series A convertible preferred stock as to dividends or liquidation rights, or change any of the powers, preferences or rights given to the Series A convertible preferred stock to adversely affect it.

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Certain Provisions in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended Bylaws

Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended bylaws contain various provisions intended to (1) promote the stability of our stockholder base and (2) render more difficult certain unsolicited or hostile attempts to take us over which could disrupt us, divert the attention of our directors, officers and employees and adversely affect the independence and integrity of our business.

Classified Board of Directors. Pursuant to our restated certificate of incorporation and amended bylaws the number of directors is fixed by our board of directors. Other than directors elected by the holders of any series of preferred stock or any other series or class of stock except common stock, our directors are divided into three classes. Each class consists as nearly as possible of one third of the directors. Directors elected by stockholders at an annual meeting of stockholders will be elected by a plurality of all votes cast. The terms of office of the three classes of director will expire, respectively, at our annual meetings in 2012, 2013 and 2014. The term of the successors of each such class of directors will expire three years from the year of election.

Removal of Directors; Vacancies. Under Delaware law, unless otherwise provided in our restated certificate of incorporation, directors serving on a classified board of directors may be removed by the stockholders only for cause. Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that directors may be removed only for cause upon the affirmative vote of holders of 75% of the voting power of all the then outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that any vacancy created by removal of a director shall be filled by a majority of the remaining members of the board of directors even though such majority may be less than a quorum.

Special Meetings; Written Consent. Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended bylaws provide that a special meeting of stockholders may be called only by a resolution adopted by a majority of the entire board of directors. Stockholders are not permitted to call, or to require that the board of directors call, a special meeting of stockholders. Moreover, the business permitted to be conducted at any special meeting of stockholders will be limited to the business brought before the meeting pursuant to the notice of the meeting given by us. In addition, our amended and restated certificate provides that any action taken by our stockholders must be effected at an annual or special meeting of stockholders and may not be taken by written consent instead of a meeting. Our amended bylaws establish an advance notice procedure for stockholders to nominate candidates for election as directors or to bring other business before meetings of our stockholders.

Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that the affirmative vote of at least 66-2/3 % of the voting power of all of our outstanding capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class, would be required to amend or repeal the provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation with respect to:

the election of directors;

the right to call a special meeting of stockholders;

the right to act by written consent;

amending our restated certificate of incorporation or amended bylaws; or

the right to adopt any provision inconsistent with the preceding provisions.

In addition, our restated certificate of incorporation provides that our board of directors may make, alter, amend and repeal our amended bylaws and that the amendment or repeal by stockholders of any of our amended bylaws would require the affirmative vote of at least 66-2/3% of the voting power described above, voting together as a single class.

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Delaware Takeover Statute

We are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which, subject to certain exceptions, prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination (as defined below) with any interested stockholder (as defined below) for a period of three years following the date that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless: (1) prior to such date, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder; (2) on consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding those shares owned (x) by persons who are directors and also officers and (y) by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or (3) on or subsequent to such date, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66-2/3% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law defines business combination to include: (1) any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder; (2) any sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition of 10% or more of the assets of the corporation involving the interested stockholder; (3) subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder; (4) any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock of any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; or (5) the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the corporation. In general, Section 203 defines an interested stockholder as any entity or person beneficially owning 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation and any entity or person affiliated with or controlling or controlled by such entity or person.

The foregoing summary is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation and amended bylaws, copies of which have been filed with the SEC.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

Computershare (successor to The Bank of New York Mellon's Shareowner Services business) is the transfer agent and registrar for our common stock and our Class A convertible preferred stock. The transfer agent for any other series of preferred stock that we may offer under this prospectus will be named and described in the prospectus supplement for that series.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE WARRANTS

We may issue warrants for the purchase of common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities in one or more series. We may issue warrants independently or together with common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from these securities. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any warrants that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any warrants offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below.

The following summaries of material provisions of the warrants and the warrant agreements are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by the provisions of the warrant agreement that we will enter into with a warrant agent we select at the time of issue. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplements related to the particular series of warrants that we may offer under this prospectus, as well as any related free writing prospectuses, and the complete warrant agreements and warrant certificates that contain the terms of the warrants.

General

We may issue warrants evidenced by warrant certificates under the warrant agreement by means of a prospectus supplement which will describe the terms of the warrants, including:

the price or prices at which warrants will be issued, if any;

the principal amount of debt securities or the number of shares of common or preferred stock purchasable upon exercise of one warrant and the initial price at which the principal amount of debt securities or shares, as applicable, may be purchased upon exercise;

in the case of debt warrants, the designation, aggregate principal amount and terms of the debt securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants;

if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with the underlying securities;

in the case of preferred stock warrants, if applicable, the designation and terms of the preferred stock purchasable upon exercise of the preferred stock warrants;

if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;

the dates on which the right to exercise the warrants begins and expires;

if necessary, certain material United States federal income tax consequences;

call provisions, if any;

whether the warrants represented by the warrant certificates will be issued in registered or bearer form;

information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;

the currency or currencies in which the offering price and exercise price are payable;

the identity of the warrant agent for the warrants; and

if applicable, the antidilution provisions of the warrants.

Rights as Holders of Debt Securities

Debt warrant holders, as such, will not have any of the rights of holders of debt securities, except to the extent that the consent of debt warrant holders may be required for certain modifications of the terms of an indenture or form of the debt security, as the case may be, and the series of debt securities issuable upon exercise of the debt warrants. In addition, debt warrant holders will not be entitled to payments of principal of and interest, if any, on the debt securities.

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No Rights as Stockholders

Holders of stock warrants, as such, will not be entitled to vote, to consent, to receive dividends or to receive notice as stockholders with respect to any meeting of stockholders, or to exercise any rights whatsoever as our stockholders.

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DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

We may issue, in one or more series, units consisting of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and/or warrants for the purchase of common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities in any combination. While the terms we have summarized below will apply generally to any units that we may offer under this prospectus, we will describe the particular terms of any series of units in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any units offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below.

The following summaries of material terms and provisions of the units are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the unit agreement and any supplemental agreements applicable to a particular series of units. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplements related to the particular series of units that we may offer under this prospectus, as well as any related free writing prospectuses and the complete unit agreement and any supplemental agreements that contain the terms of the units.

General

Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time or at any time before a specified date.

If we issue units, the applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the series of units being offered, including:

the title of any series of units;

identification and description of the separate constituent securities comprising the units;

the price or prices at which the units will be issued;

the date, if any, on and after which the constituent securities comprising the units will be separately transferable;

information with respect to any book-entry procedures;

a discussion of certain federal income tax considerations applicable to the units; and

any other terms of the units and their constituent securities.

The provisions described in this section, as well as those described under Description of Capital Stock, Description of Debt Securities and Description of Warrants will apply to each unit and to any common stock, preferred stock, debt security or warrant included in each unit, respectively.

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SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

This prospectus also relates to the possible resale by certain of our stockholders, whom we refer to as the selling stockholders in this prospectus, of up to 910,000 shares of our common stock issued in private placements in connection with our acquisitions of (1) the business of PAR Logistics Management Systems Corporation on January 12, 2012 and (2) the remaining 48% equity interest in Satcom International Group plc, a majority owned subsidiary of ours, not previously owned by us (other than a 0.12% equity interest held by a Satcom shareholder that is no longer in existence) on March 28, 2012.

Information about the selling stockholders, where applicable, who offer securities under the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part will be set forth in the prospectus supplements, post-effective amendments and/or filings we make with the SEC under the Exchange Act that are incorporated herein by reference. The prospectus supplement for any offering by the selling stockholders of shares of common stock will include the following information:

the name of each participating selling stockholder;

the nature of any position, office or other material relationship which each selling stockholder has had within the past three years with us or any of our predecessors or affiliates;

the number of shares of common stock held by each selling stockholder prior to the offering;

the number of shares of common stock to be offered for each selling stockholder's account; and

the number and, if applicable, the percentage of shares of common stock held by each of the selling stockholders after the offering. The selling stockholders may not sell any shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus until we have identified such selling stockholders and the shares being offered for resale by such selling stockholders in a subsequent prospectus supplement. The selling stockholders, however, may sell or transfer all or a portion of their shares of our common stock pursuant to any available exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We or the selling stockholders may sell the securities offered by this prospectus from time to time in one or more transactions, including without limitation:

to or through underwriters, brokers or dealers;

directly to purchasers or to a single purchaser;

through agents; or

through a combination of any of these methods.

The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of the offering of the securities covered by this prospectus, including:

the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and the amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them;

any delayed delivery arrangements;

the public offering price or purchase price of the securities and the proceeds to us from the sale of the securities and any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to underwriters, dealers or agents; and

any securities exchanges on which the securities may be listed.

The offer and sale of the securities described in this prospectus by us, the selling stockholders, underwriters or the third parties described above may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions, including privately negotiated transactions, either:

at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices relating to such prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

Offerings of our equity securities under this prospectus may also be made into an existing trading market for the securities in transactions at other than a fixed price, either:

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on or through the facilities of any national securities exchange or quotation service on which the securities may be listed, quoted or traded at the time of sale; or

to or through a market maker otherwise than on the exchanges or quotation or trading services.

The at-the-market offerings, if any, will be conducted by underwriters, dealers or agents acting as principal or agent for us, who may also be third-party sellers of securities as described above.

Any public offering price and any discounts, commissions, concessions or other items constituting compensation allowed or reallocated or paid to underwriters, dealers or agents may be changed from time to time. Underwriters, dealers or agents that participate in the distribution of the offered securities may be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act. Any discounts or commissions they receive from us or the selling stockholders and any profits they receive on the resale of the offered securities may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. We will identify any underwriters, dealers or agents and describe their commissions, fees or discounts in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Any selling stockholder will act independently of us in making the decision with regards to the timing, manner and size of each sale of shares of common stock covered by this prospectus.

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Sales through Underwriters or Dealers

Underwriters or the third parties described above may offer and sell the offered securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. If underwriters are used in the sale of any securities, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions described above. The securities may be either offered to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters, or directly by underwriters. Generally, the underwriters' obligations to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions precedent. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities if they purchase any of the securities unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement in connection with any particular offering of securities.

During and after an offering through underwriters, the underwriters may purchase and sell the securities in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, over-allotment and stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid, which means that selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or other broker-dealers for the offered securities sold for their account may be reclaimed by the syndicate if the offered securities are repurchased by the syndicate in stabilizing or covering transactions. These activities may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the offered securities, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue these activities at any time.

Some or all of the securities that we offer through this prospectus may be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters to whom we sell the offered securities for public offering and sale may make a market in those securities, but they will not be obligated to do so and they may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. Accordingly, we cannot assure you of the liquidity of, or continued trading markets for, any securities that we offer.

We or the selling stockholders may sell some or all of the securities covered by this prospectus through:

purchases by a dealer, as principal, who may then resell those securities to the public for its account at varying prices determined by the dealer at the time of resale;

block trades in which a dealer will attempt to sell as agent, but may position or resell a portion of the block, as principal, in order to facilitate the transaction; or

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker-dealer solicits purchasers.

Direct Sales and Sales through Agents

We or the selling stockholders may sell the securities directly. Direct sales to investors may be accomplished through subscription offerings or through subscription rights distributed to our stockholders. In connection with subscription offerings or the distribution of subscription rights to stockholders, if all of the underlying offered securities are not subscribed for, we may sell such unsubscribed offered securities to third parties directly and, in addition, whether or not all of the underlying offered securities are subscribed for, we may concurrently offer additional offered securities to third parties directly.

If indicated in an applicable prospectus supplement, we or the selling stockholders may sell the securities through agents from time to time, which agents may be affiliated with us or the selling stockholders. The applicable prospectus supplement will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities and any commissions we or the selling stockholders pay to them. Generally, any agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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Indemnification; Other Relationships

Agents, underwriters and other third parties described above may be entitled to indemnification by us or the selling stockholders against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments which the agents or underwriters may be required to make in respect thereof. Agents, underwriters and such other third parties may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us or the selling stockholders in the ordinary course of business.

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LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered by this prospectus will be passed on for us by Chadbourne & Parke LLP, New York, New York. If legal matters in connection with offerings of securities made pursuant to this prospectus are passed up on by counsel for underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, such counsel will be named in the prospectus supplement related to such offering.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and schedule of ORBCOMM Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2011, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of StarTrak Systems LLC as of June 30, 2010 and 2009 and for the years then ended have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus and have been audited by Semple, Marchal & Cooper, LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as indicated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference, and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of PAR Logistics Management Systems Corporation as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2011 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent auditors, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.