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Eric Watko leads SES Networks' combined O3b and SES Product Line Management teams, elevating and driving this critical function for our business. Working closely with the Segment Market Managers, Sales/SE, Customer Enablement and other elements of our market facing teams, Eric and the PLM team is responsible for distilling the customer and market requirements and determining both core product and segment specific priority developments, proving a key interface into the Technology and Engineering teams.

Eric Watko was Vice President of Integrated Solutions and Space Systems at VT iDirect, where he was responsible for developing VT iDirect's end-to-end solutions and space strategy. Under his leadership, he and his team launched VT iDirect's Layer 2 over Satellite (L2oS) networking, established Verified Network Designs based on validated Cisco equipment, developed the X7-EC embedded computing remote, and are responsible for creating advanced mobility architectures in the maritime and aero verticals.

Mr. Watko has extensive experience in satellite communication networks and space-based processor technologies, having worked in the industry for over 20 years. His experience in commercial and government satellite and telecommunications industries range from payload system engineering, future satellite communication network architectures, product development, and manufacturing and production.

Previously, Mr. Watko worked at Cisco, where he was the Sr. Engineering Development and Business Manager. One of his significant contributions was leading the engineering team that developed, delivered, and integrated the Internet Router In Space (IRIS) payload in 22 months on Intelsat's IS-14. He was also the Program Manager representing Cisco during the U.S. government TSAT System Definition Phase.

Prior to working in the telecommunications industry, Mr. Watko continued his research in the field of optical characterization of thin film semiconductor fabrication.

Mr. Watko holds a B.S. in Physics California State University and an M.S. in Physics with a minor in Materials Science from North Carolina State University.