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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)*

LORAL SPACE & COMMUNICATIONS INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, \$0.01 PAR VALUE PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

543881106

(CUSIP Number)

DECEMBER 9, 2005

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

o Rule 13d-1 (b)

þ Rule 13d-1 (c)

o Rule 13d-1 (d)

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the notes).

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E	CHOS	of Reporting Person: STAR COMMUNICATIONS DRATION	I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only): 88-0336997			
(8	2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group:(a) o(b) þ					
3. S	3. SEC Use Only:					
	itizen: evada	ship or Place of Organization:				
Number of		. Sole Voting Power: 1,350,532(1)				
Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	6.	Shared Voting Power:				
	n 7.	Sole Dispositive Power: 1,350,532(1)				
	8.	Shared Dispositive Power: 0				
9. A	.ggreg 350,5	ate Amount Beneficially Owned by I 32(1)	∃ach Reporting Person:			
10. C		f the Aggregate Amount in Row (9)	Excludes Certain Shares:			

- 11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9): 6.8%(2)
- 12. Type of Reporting Person: CO
- (1) This filing was triggered by the issuance of voting shares of Loral Space & Communications Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Issuer) to EchoStar Communications Corporation (EchoStar) on December 9, 2005 in connection with the Fourth Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Code, as modified, of Loral Space & Communications Ltd., a Bermuda company, and certain of its subsidiaries.
- (2) According to information provided by the Issuer in its Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 23, 2005, there were 20,000,000 shares outstanding as of November 21, 2005.

Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9): 7.0%(4)

- 12. Type of Reporting Person: IN
- (3) Includes 1,350,532 shares held by EchoStar.
- (4) According to information provided by the Issuer in its Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 23, 2005, there were 20,000,000 shares outstanding as of November 21, 2005.

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ITEM Name of Issuer:

1(a)

Loral Space & Communications Inc.

ITEM Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices:

1(b)

600 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

ITEM Name of Person Filing:

2(a)

EchoStar Communications Corporation (EchoStar) Charles W. Ergen (Mr. Ergen and together with EchoStar, the Reporting Persons)

The Reporting Persons are making this single, joint filing because they may be deemed to constitute a group within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, although neither the fact of this filing nor anything contained herein shall be deemed to be an admission by the Reporting Persons that a group exists.

ITEMS Address of Principal Business Office or, If None, Residence; Citizenship of 2(b), (c) Reporting Persons

The principal business address of EchoStar is 9601 S. Meridian Blvd. Englewood, Colorado 80112. EchoStar is a Nevada corporation.

The principal business address of Mr. Ergen is 9601 S. Meridian Blvd. Englewood, Colorado 80112. Mr. Ergen is a citizen of the United States.

ITEM Title of Class of Securities: 2(d)

Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value Per Share

ITEM CUSIP Number: 2(e)

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ITEM 3. Statement Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c):

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. Ownership

(a)	Amount Beneficially Owned:		EchoStar: Mr. Ergen:	1,350,532			
				1,401,485			
(b)	Perce	ent of Class:	EchoStar: Mr. Ergen:	6.8%			
				7.0%			
(c)	Number of shares as to which such person has:						
	(i)	sole power to vote or direct the vote:	EchoStar: Mr. Ergen:	1,350,532 1,401,485			
	(ii)	shared power to vote or direct the vote:	0				
	(iii)	sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	EchoStar: Mr. Ergen:	1,350,532 1,401,485			
	(iv)	shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	0				

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ITEM 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following box: o

ITEM 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable.

ITEM 7. Identification and Classification of Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. Certifications

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct. In addition, by signing below, the undersigned agrees that this Schedule 13G may be filed jointly on behalf of each of the Reporting Persons.

Dated: December 19, 2005

ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

By: /s/ David K. Moskowitz

Name: David K. Moskowitz

Title: Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Secretary

CHARLES W. ERGEN

By: /s/ Charles W. Ergen Name: Charles W. Ergen