LORAL SPACE & COMMUNICATIONS INC. Form SC 13D/A December 08, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 14)*

Loral Space & Communications Inc.

(Name of Issuer) Common Stock, Par Value \$.01 Per Share

> (Title of Class of Securities) 543881106

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:
        MHR CAPITAL PARTNERS MASTER ACCOUNT LP
  1
        I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):
        CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):
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        (a) o
        (b) þ
        SEC USE ONLY:
  3
        SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):
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        WC
        CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
        2(d) OR 2(e):
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        o
        CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:
  6
        Anguilla, British West Indies
                   SOLE VOTING POWER:
               7
 NUMBER OF
                  2,392,542
   SHARES
                  SHARED VOTING POWER:
BENEFICIALLY 8
 OWNED BY
                  0
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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: **EACH** 9

REPORTING

PERSON 2,392,542

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

11

2,392,542

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 12

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

13

11.1%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

14

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:
        MHR ADVISORS LLC
  1
        I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):
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        SEC USE ONLY:
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        SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):
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        CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
        2(d) OR 2(e):
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        o
        CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:
  6
        Delaware
                  SOLE VOTING POWER:
              7
 NUMBER OF
                  2,689,145
   SHARES
                  SHARED VOTING POWER:
BENEFICIALLY 8
 OWNED BY
                  0
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EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:

REPORTING 9

PERSON 2,689,145

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

11

2,689,145

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

13

12.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

14

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:
        MHR INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS LP
  1
        I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):
        CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):
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        SEC USE ONLY:
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        SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):
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        N/A
        CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
        2(d) OR 2(e):
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        o
        CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:
  6
        Delaware
                  SOLE VOTING POWER:
              7
 NUMBER OF
                  2,120,249
   SHARES
                  SHARED VOTING POWER:
BENEFICIALLY 8
 OWNED BY
                  0
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EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:

REPORTING 9

PERSON 2,120,249

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

11

2,120,249

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

13

10.5%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

14

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:
        MHR INSTITUTIONAL ADVISORS LLC
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        SEC USE ONLY:
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        SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):
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        N/A
        CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
        2(d) OR 2(e):
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        o
        CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:
  6
        Delaware
                  SOLE VOTING POWER:
              7
 NUMBER OF
                  2,630,350
   SHARES
                  SHARED VOTING POWER:
BENEFICIALLY 8
 OWNED BY
                  0
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EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:

REPORTING 9

PERSON 2,630,350

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

11

2,630,350

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

13

13.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

14

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:
        MHR INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS II LP
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        SEC USE ONLY:
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        SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):
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        N/A
        CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
        2(d) OR 2(e):
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        o
        CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:
  6
        Delaware
                  SOLE VOTING POWER:
              7
 NUMBER OF
                  1,596,626
   SHARES
                  SHARED VOTING POWER:
BENEFICIALLY 8
 OWNED BY
                  0
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EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:

REPORTING 9

PERSON 1,596,626

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

11

1,596,626

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

13

7.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

14

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:
        MHR INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS IIA LP
  1
        I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):
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        SEC USE ONLY:
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        SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):
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        CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
        2(d) OR 2(e):
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        o
        CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:
  6
        Delaware
                  SOLE VOTING POWER:
              7
 NUMBER OF
                  4,022,473
   SHARES
                  SHARED VOTING POWER:
BENEFICIALLY 8
 OWNED BY
                  0
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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: **EACH** 9 REPORTING **PERSON** 4,022,473 WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: 10 0 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON: 11 4,022,473 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 12 o PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11): 13 18.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

14

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:
        MHR INSTITUTIONAL ADVISORS II LLC
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        CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:
  6
        Delaware
                  SOLE VOTING POWER:
              7
 NUMBER OF
                  5,619,099
   SHARES
                  SHARED VOTING POWER:
BENEFICIALLY 8
 OWNED BY
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SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: **EACH** 9

REPORTING

PERSON 5,619,099

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

11

5,619,099

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

13

12

24.9%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:
        MHR INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS III LP
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        I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):
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        SEC USE ONLY:
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        SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):
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        CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS
        2(d) OR 2(e):
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        CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:
  6
        Delaware
                  SOLE VOTING POWER:
              7
 NUMBER OF
                  8,272,394
   SHARES
                  SHARED VOTING POWER:
BENEFICIALLY 8
 OWNED BY
                  0
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EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:

REPORTING 9

PERSON 8,272,394

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

11

8,272,394

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

13

29.7%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

14

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:
        MHR INSTITUTIONAL ADVISORS III LLC
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        2(d) OR 2(e):
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        CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:
  6
        Delaware
                  SOLE VOTING POWER:
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 NUMBER OF
                  8,272,394
   SHARES
                  SHARED VOTING POWER:
BENEFICIALLY 8
 OWNED BY
                  0
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EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:

REPORTING 9

PERSON 8,272,394

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

11

8,272,394

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

13

29.7%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

14

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS: MHR FUND MANAGEMENT LLC 1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY): CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 2 (a) o (b) þ SEC USE ONLY: 3 SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 4 AF CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e): 5 o CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: 6 Delaware **SOLE VOTING POWER:** 7 NUMBER OF 19,210,988 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER: BENEFICIALLY 8 OWNED BY 0

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: REPORTING 9

PERSON 19,210,988

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

11

19,210,988

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):

13

60.9%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

14

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:

1 MARK H. RACHESKY, M.D.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):