FARO Technologies Broadens European Presence

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LAKE MARY, Fla., Feb. 28 /PRNewswire/ -- FARO Technologies (Nasdaq: FARO) announced today that it has recently opened sales offices in Turin, Italy, and Barcelona, Spain. The two new locations expand FARO's current presence in Europe, with headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany, and existing offices in Coventry, United Kingdom, and in Paris, France.

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Director of European Sales and Marketing, Hans Weigert, said, "Both the Italian and the Spanish markets are important to FARO because of their large manufacturing markets, especially in the automotive and aerospace industries."

Luigi Berri will lead the Italian office as Country Manager. Mr. Berri has more than fifteen years experience in the metrology market in Italy. Christian Baugut will lead the Spanish office as Country Manager. Mr. Baugut has five years' experience in the German market with FARO.

Gregory Fraser, Executive Vice President, said, "This represents the next step in our continued global expansion. In 2001, the European economy is expected to grow faster that the U.S. and Asian economies, and our new offices position us for continued revenue growth in that region."

FARO Technologies and its international subsidiaries design, develop and market CAM2 systems and services for manufacturers of automotive, aerospace, industrial and consumer products worldwide. Principal products include the FaroArm, a six-degree-of-freedom articulating arm, the Control Station and a CAM2 family of advanced CAD-based measurement and reporting software. FARO products provide manufacturers the freedom to measure production parts or complex assemblies on the shop floor. FARO's customers benefit through improved productivity and enhanced product quality because of reduced rework and scrap within the manufacturing process. A recognized leader of dimensional quality control products worldwide, FARO Technologies is ISO 9001 certified and Guide 25 approved. See FARO online at www.faro.com.

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