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FARO to Aggressively Pursue Options Following District Court Ruling for Cimcore

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LAKE MARY, Fla., July 12, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- FARO Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq: FARO) today announced that the Federal District Court for the Southern District of California in the action entitled "Cimcore Corporation et al v. FARO Technologies, Inc." (Civil Action No. 03CV2355B) issued an order granting the Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment of Infringement. This order finds that FARO has infringed certain claims (which apply to only minor features of the FARO Arm) of U.S. Patent 5,829,148 ('148 patent) and stems from a patent infringement suit filed November 25, 2003, by Cimcore -- Romer against FARO. In that lawsuit, FARO has claimed that it does not infringe the '148 patent and that the '148 patent is invalid.

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The District Court has not yet ruled on FARO's allegation that the '148 patent is invalid. In addition, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") has granted FARO's request that the '148 patent be reexamined based on what FARO considers to be invalidating prior art. In the event that either the District Court or the PTO rules that the '148 patent is invalid, then there can be no liability by FARO for patent infringement.

FARO is disappointed in the Court's ruling and continues to believe that certain minor features of its line of CMM arms do not infringe the '148 patent. Simon Raab, FARO's CEO, emphasized that "FARO will continue to vigorously litigate this case with respect to both the invalidity of the '148 patent and, if necessary, file an appropriate appeal to the Federal Circuit."

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A factor that could cause actual results to differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in forward-looking statements includes, but is not limited to:

* Our inability to overturn the announced ruling either on appeal or by invalidating the '148 patent

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