

FARO Scene v4.1 Speeds Laser Scanning Workflow, Quality

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LAKE MARY, Fla., March 20, 2007 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- FARO Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq: FARO), the world market leader in portable computer-aided measurement arm and laser tracker sales, today announced that it released FARO Scene v4.1, which offers faster workflow and improved quality for its Laser Scanner LS product.

"FARO Scene is our user-friendly software for viewing, administrating, calibrating, filtering and managing large, 3-D point clouds collected with our Laser Scanner LS," FARO President and CEO Jay Freeland said. "Version 4.1 increases productivity by dramatically reducing the amount of on-site scanning time, and enables users to process and present their results more effectively."

The FARO Laser Scanner is a portable, computerized measurement device that scans, digitally recreates and records all of an object or area's dimensions, creating what looks like a "photograph" on the computer screen -- but in 3-D. The captured data can be used to create a digital model for inspection, reverse-engineering, CAD-to-part comparison, factory planning, or investigations for industries ranging from power, process and piping to forensics, surveying and historical preservation.

Enhancements in FARO Scene v4.1 include:

- * New Wi-Fi/WLAN Scanner Connection enables users to control scanning from their PDA, mobile phone, laptop or other Internet Explorer-equipped devices
- * Advanced noise reduction for cleaner scans
- * More than 86% faster Color Capture speed (2-3 minutes versus 15 minutes) for very high quality and automatic overlays of 50 million color pixels
- * Fully automatic Color Scan White Balancing for improved contrast and clarity
- * New color bracket and calibration method minimizes parallax errors and maximizes the fit of color on 3-D shapes
- * Compatibility with NIKON D70s or NIKON D200 cameras for color scanning
- * Automatic filter action improves scan quality and dramatically shortens post processing time
- * New Draw-to-CAD feature enables users to create 3-D AutoCad drawings on the fly just by sketching lines in FARO Scene's Photo-View
- * CAD files may now be imported not only in VRML2, but also VRML1

"FARO Scene v4.1 brings several major benefits to our customers and expands on our unique solution for professionals in laser scanning," said Dr. Bernd-Dietmar Becker, FARO's Director of Marketing & Product Management for Laser Scanning. "Our test customers are very excited about the new features -- especially the ability to scan with a handheld Wi-Fi device, and create AutoCad drawings."

The upgrade is available for free to existing LS customers with v4. For more information, visit www.faro.com or call 800.736.0234 for a customized demonstration.

About FARO

With approximately 13,000 installations and 6,100 customers globally, FARO Technologies, Inc. designs, develops, and markets portable, computerized measurement devices and software used to create digital models -- or to perform evaluations against an existing model -- for anything requiring highly detailed 3-D measurements, including part and assembly inspection, factory planning and asset documentation, as well as specialized applications ranging from surveying, recreating accident sites and crime scenes to digitally preserving historical sites.

FARO's technology increases productivity by dramatically reducing the amount of on-site measuring time, and the various industry-specific software packages enable users to process and present their results quickly and more effectively.

Principal products include the world's best-selling portable measurement arm -- the FaroArm; the world's best-selling laser tracker -- the FARO Laser Tracker X and Xi; the FARO Laser ScanArm; FARO Laser Scanner LS; the FARO Gage, Gage-PLUS and PowerGAGE; and the CAM2 family of advanced CAD-based measurement and reporting software. FARO Technologies is ISO-9001 certified and ISO-17025 laboratory registered.

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