FARO Expands Software for Automotive with Q-DAS SPC Link

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LAKE MARY, Fla., June 27 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- FARO Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq: FARO), the world market leader in portable computer-aided measurement arms and laser tracker sales, announced that its FaroArm and FARO Gage will be compatible with Q-DAS SPC Link, the commonly used and well-respected Quality Control software package required among many automotive manufacturers and suppliers.

"Adding Q-DAS capability gives our portable CMMs a rare advantage," FARO President and CEO Jay Freeland said. "Our customers can now interface with one of the most respected and powerful statistical software packages available."

Q-DAS' main focus is on quality management applications that support the current international standards, as well as relevant industry guidelines. It is considered the leader in statistical analysis using their CAMERA method - Collecting, Assessing, data Management, Evaluating, Reporting, and Archiving.

"FaroArm and FARO Gage users can seamlessly transfer measurement data into SPC Link, enabling them to evolve customized solutions," said Q-DAS President Tom Stewart. "In addition to generating time-/event-driven reports, the software has a Real-Time feature which allows others to monitor processes on- line."

The FARO Gage and Gage-PLUS are used to prove that outgoing and incoming parts are up to spec, thus reducing scrap, re-work and labor costs. The FaroArm takes the FARO Gage line's capability to the next level by creating a 3-D "blueprint" of a part - or of machine components that make parts - enabling users to perform CAD-to-Part analysis, or even reverse-engineer custom parts.

Although approximately 25 percent of FARO's customers are in the automotive industry, Q-DAS SPC Link will also be of value to its machinery and general industrial base. For more on how the Company's technology serves various industries and applications, visit http://www.FARO.com.

About FARO

With more than 13,500 installations and 6,500 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; 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. Learn more at http://www.faro.com

About Q-DAS

Q-DAS is an international software company focusing on Statistical Analysis, SPC and Reporting Systems for every type of manufacturing industry. The Company's products encompass the complete software toolkit necessary to effectively define and implement Six Sigma manufacturing strategies. Q-DAS Incorporated, the North American subsidiary founded in 1998 by president Tom Stewart, is located in Rochester Hills, MI and provides services such as software distribution, training, hotline and on-site installations for our North-American customers. Learn more at http://www.q-das.com

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