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Airbus Selects FARO as a Key Supplier of Laser Trackers

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Airbus to Acquire 62 FARO Laser Tracker IONs for the Airbus A350 Project

LAKE MARY, Fla., June 8, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ --FARO Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq: FARO), the world's leading provider of portable 3D measurement and imaging solutions, and Airbus, one of the world's leading aircraft manufacturers, announced today that they have signed a five-year agreement for FARO to be a key supplier of laser trackers and measurement accessories for the new Airbus A350 project assembly line. This agreement includes 62 FARO Laser Tracker ION(TM) units and also covers Airbus' key system providers for fixtures and production systems.

Airbus has been a long-standing FARO customer and this agreement complements the 33 units in operation since 2002, which includes the assembly of the A380's main body section (fuselage) in France, Germany and the United Kingdom.

"The Airbus decision to purchase additional units of the new Laser Tracker ION confirms that FARO has proven to be a key supplier to Airbus' manufacturing processes and demonstrates that the FARO Laser Tracker is a state-of-the-art product that meets the most challenging requirements, enabling high-precision measurements and supporting advanced production methods," stated Juan-Pablo Lemaitre, Vice President Sales & Marketing, FARO Europe.

Thanks to this new agreement, FARO Laser Trackers will be installed in every European Airbus manufacturing facility.

About FARO

FARO develops and markets computer-aided coordinate measurement devices and software. Portable equipment from FARO permits high-precision 3D measurement and comparison of parts and compound structures within production and quality assurance processes. The devices are used for inspecting components and assemblies, production planning, inventory documentation, as well as for investigation and reconstruction of accident sites or crime scenes. They are also employed to generate digital scans of historic sites.

Worldwide, approximately 10,000 customers are operating more than 20,000 installations of FARO's systems. The company's global headquarters is located in Lake Mary, Florida, with its European head office in Stuttgart, Germany and its Asia/Pacific head office in Singapore. FARO has branch locations in Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, France, Spain, Italy, Poland, Netherlands, India, China, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Japan.

About Airbus

Airbus is one of the world's leading aircraft manufacturers, and it consistently captures approximately half or more of all orders for airliners with more than 100 seats.

Airbus' mission is to provide the aircraft best suited to the market's needs and to support these aircraft with the highest quality of service. The Airbus product line comprises 14 aircraft models, from the 100-seat single-aisle A318 jetliner to the 525-seat A380 - which is the largest civil airliner in service.

As of December 31, 2009, combined orders for Airbus single-aisle and widebody jetliners totaled more than 9,400, with over 5,990 aircraft delivered to customers worldwide.

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