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FARO Focus3D Named as a Best New Innovation by Popular Science Magazine

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The 2011 "Best of What's New" list includes the laser scanner for its small size and use in forensic applications

LAKE MARY, Fla., Nov. 16, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- FARO Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: FARO), the world's leading provider of portable measurement and imaging solutions announces the FARO Laser Scanner Focus3D has been honored with a Best of What's New award by *Popular Science* magazine. Each year, new products from almost every corner of industry – from consumer electronics to green technologies – are submitted to the publication's editors for consideration. This year, FARO's Focus3D has been named to that list of innovations.

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"We're thrilled that the Focus3D has been named to the Best of What's New list, particularly when we consider the number of entries vying for the award," said Jay Freeland, CEO of FARO Technologies. "FARO is constantly working to produce the most advanced products to improve our customers' products and processes. In that respect, this is great recognition for us and them." The laser scanner was considered for its use in forensic investigations, particularly by small police departments that might not otherwise be able to afford the technology. Its small size, robust functionality and ease-of-use make it the ideal solution for many applications in addition to forensics, including architecture, civil engineering and surveying.

"For 24 years, *Popular Science* has honored the innovations that surprise and amaze us − those that make a positive impact on our world today and challenge our views of what's possible in the future," said Mark Jannot, Editor-in-Chief of *Popular Science*. "The Best of What's New Award is the magazine's top honor, and the 100 winners − chosen from among thousands of entrants − represent the highest level of achievement in their fields." Readers can find the Focus3D in the Security category of *Popular Science's* Best of What's New edition, available November 15th. A link to the electronic version will be placed on www.faro.com.

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.

Worldwide, approximately 13,000 customers operate over 26,000 installations of FARO 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.

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