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FARO® Launches Innovative, User-Friendly Handheld 3D Laser Scanner to Meet Growing Demand for Portable Scanning

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LAKE MARY, Fla., Jan. 7, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- FARO Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ:FARO), the world's most trusted source for 3D measurement, imaging, and realization technology, announces the release of the new FARO Freestyle^{3D} Handheld Laser Scanner, an easy, intuitive device for use in Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC), Law Enforcement, and other industries.



The FARO Freestyle^{3D} is equipped with a Microsoft Surface™ tablet and offers unprecedented real-time visualization by allowing the user to view point cloud data as it is captured. The Freestyle^{3D} scans to a distance of up to three (3) meters and captures up to 88K points per second with accuracy better than 1.5mm. The patent-pending, self-compensating optical system also allows users to start scanning immediately with no warm up time required.

"The Freestyle^{3D} is the latest addition to the FARO 3D laser scanning portfolio and represents another step on our journey to democratize 3D scanning," stated Jay Freeland, FARO's President and CEO. "Following the successful adoption of our Focus scanners for long-range scanning, we've developed a scanner that provides customers with the same intuitive feel and ease-of-use in a handheld device."

The portability of Freestyle^{3D} enables users to maneuver and scan in tight and hard-to-reach areas such as car interiors, under tables and behind objects making it ideal for crime scene data collection or architectural preservation and restoration activities. Memory-scan technology enables Freestyle^{3D} users to pause scanning at any time and then resume data collection where they left off without the use of artificial targets.

Mr. Freeland added, "FARO's customers continue to stress the importance of work-flow simplicity, portability, and affordability as key drivers to their continued use and adoption of 3D laser scanning. We have responded by developing an easy-to-use, industrial grade, handheld laser scanning device that weighs less than 2 lbs."

The Freestyle^{3D} can be employed as a standalone device to scan areas of interest, or used in concert with FARO's Focus X 130 / X 330 scanners. Point cloud data from all of these devices can be seamlessly integrated and shared with all of FARO's software visualization tools including FARO SCENE, WebShare Cloud, and FARO CAD Zone packages.

For more information about FARO's 3D scanning solutions visit: www.faro.com

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FARO is the world's most trusted source for 3D measurement technology. The Company develops and markets computer-aided measurement and imaging devices and software. Technology from FARO permits high-precision 3D measurement, imaging and comparison of parts and complex structures within production and quality assurance processes. The devices are used for inspecting components and assemblies, rapid prototyping, documenting large volume spaces or structures in 3D, surveying and construction, as well as for investigation and reconstruction of accident sites or crime scenes.

Approximately 15,000 customers are operating more than 30,000 installations of FARO's systems, worldwide. The Company's global headquarters is located in Lake Mary, FL; its European regional headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany; and its Asia/Pacific regional headquarters in Singapore. FARO has other offices in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Italy, Poland, Turkey, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Portugal, India, China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, South Korea, and Japan.

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