



FLIR Launches New Thermal Imaging Camera for Industrial Security; Receives Multi-Unit Order

ThermoVision(R) Security(TM) Camera Provides Low Cost Infrared Solution for Commercial and Industrial Security

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct 17, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- FLIR Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq:FLIR) announced today that it has introduced a new line of thermal imaging cameras for the burgeoning US and international security market. The new ThermoVision® Security™ camera utilizes FLIR's world leading infrared technology to provide an economical solution to commercial and industrial security applications. Designed specifically for life and safety, security, and surveillance applications, this new infrared camera provides clear images in total darkness and through fog, dust and smoke -- conditions under which standard visible cameras or cameras with infrared illumination only typically fail.

The ThermoVision Security cameras are ideal for integration into new and existing video security networks. The small, weatherproof cameras connect in the same manner as conventional CCD cameras and provide the same video output. The cameras are available with a range of lens choices suitable for indoor, close-range applications to medium-range outdoor applications. Applications for the new product include industrial perimeter security, high value asset protection, warehouse surveillance and security for bridges, dams and harbors.

"The introduction of this new camera for the industrial security market utilizing low cost uncooled technology will further bolster FLIR's growing presence in this exciting new market," said Earl Lewis, Chief Executive Officer of FLIR Systems. "Together with our existing line of medium to long range products, this new product family will allow FLIR to offer a solution for most any security need."

FLIR has received a multi-unit order for the new camera line for a security and safety application at a US National Laboratory. Deliveries of the new product will commence this quarter.

About FLIR Systems

FLIR Systems designs, manufactures and markets infrared imaging systems worldwide for a variety of applications. FLIR's imaging products are used in such diverse applications as public safety, defense, navigation, electronic newsgathering and search and rescue. Thermography products support such applications as condition monitoring, non-destructive testing, medical science, research and development, and manufacturing process control. For more information, please visit their Web site at www.FLIR.com.

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