FLIR Systems Elects Michael T. Smith to Board of Directors; Smith Is Former Chairman and CEO of Hughes Electronics Corp.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jul 22, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- FLIR Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ:FLIR) announced today that Michael T. Smith has been elected to the Board of Directors for a term expiring at the Company's 2003 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Smith is the retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Hughes Electronics Corporation (NYSE:GMH), with 2001 revenues of $8.3 billion. Previously he was Vice Chairman of Hughes Electronics and Chairman of Hughes Aircraft Company. Smith joined Hughes in 1985, the year the company was formed, as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, after spending nearly 20 years with General Motors in a variety of financial management positions. Smith is a member of the Board of Directors of Alliant Techsystems, Inc. (NYSE:ATK), Teledyne Technologies (NYSE:TDX) and Ingram Micro Corp. (NYSE:IM). Smith, a former Army officer with a combat tour in Vietnam, received his B.A. in Political Science from Providence College and an MBA from Babson College.

Smith joins FLIR's six-member Board of Directors, which includes Ronald L. Turner, Chairman, President and CEO of Ceridian Corporation (NYSE:CEN); W. Allen Reed, President and CEO of General Motors Investment Management Corporation; John C. Hart, retired Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Board Member of Louisiana-Pacific Corporation; Steven E. Wynne, a corporate consultant and former President and CEO of adidas America, Inc.; Angus Macdonald, President of Life Sciences Consultants, Inc. and former Senior Vice President of Lehman Brothers, Inc.; and Earl R. Lewis, Chairman, President and CEO of FLIR Systems, Inc. and former President and CEO of Thermo Instrument Systems, Inc.

"We are delighted to have someone with the impeccable credentials, integrity and caliber of Mike Smith join the FLIR Board of Directors. Mike will further add to the Board's capabilities as it continues to lead this Company at a time of significant growth," said Earl Lewis, President and CEO of FLIR.

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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