



FLIR Systems Announces Federal Court Denies Claims by Raytheon Company in Dispute With FLIR and Indigo Systems Corp.

PORTLAND, OR, Sep 01, 2009 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- FLIR Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: FLIR) announced today that a federal court in Texas has entered an important ruling in favor of FLIR and its subsidiary, Indigo Systems Corporation ("Indigo"), and against Raytheon Company ("Raytheon") in one of the most closely followed disputes in the defense industry.

Judge Richard A. Schell of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas dismissed Raytheon's claims against FLIR and Indigo for trade secret misappropriation, violation of the Texas Theft Liability Act, unfair competition, tortious interference, and fraudulent concealment. The claims dismissed yesterday represent the preponderance of Raytheon's case against FLIR.

Raytheon's claims were based on its allegations that Indigo hired former Raytheon employees in an effort to obtain their knowledge of Raytheon's trade secrets relating to infrared camera technology. The technology is used in military and commercial applications. Still in dispute in the lawsuit are claims by Raytheon for breach of contract and patent infringement, as well as counterclaims by FLIR and Indigo that Raytheon's patents in suit are invalid.

"The ruling validates our consistent contention that Raytheon's claims are completely without merit," says William A. Brewer III, partner at Bickel & Brewer and counsel for FLIR and Indigo. "As such, our clients will continually defend themselves against Raytheon's remaining allegations and aggressively pursue our counterclaims against Raytheon."

"This significant court ruling moves us one step closer to putting these baseless and competitively motivated allegations behind us and gives our customers reassurance that FLIR's world class technology and products are not subject to the intellectual property claims of others," said Earl R. Lewis, President and CEO of FLIR Systems.

Brewer is joined in representing FLIR and Indigo by Bickel & Brewer partners James S. Renard and Michael J. Collins, firm senior counsel Robert L. Garner, and senior associate C. Dunham Biles; Siebman, Reynolds, Burg & Phillips LLP partner Clyde M. Siebman; and Latham & Watkins LLP partner Bob Steinberg.

Counsel representing Raytheon in this matter are Martin E. Rose and Ross Cunningham, Rose Walker LLP; Joe Kendall, Kendall Law Group, LLP; and Russell Wong, J. David Cabello, and Keither A. Rutherford, Wong, Cabello, Lutsch, Rutherford & Bruccleri, LLP.

About FLIR Systems:

FLIR Systems, Inc. is a world leader in the design, manufacture and marketing of thermal imaging and stabilized camera systems for a wide variety of thermography and imaging applications including condition monitoring, research and development, manufacturing process control, airborne observation and broadcast, search and rescue, drug interdiction, surveillance and reconnaissance, navigation safety, border and maritime patrol, environmental monitoring, and ground-based security. Visit the Company's web site at www.FLIR.com.

About Bickel & Brewer:

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