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## **FLIR Systems Receives Significant Orders for Cameras to Help Combat SARS Outbreak; Thermal Imaging Products Measure Temperature, Help Detect Fever**

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 5, 2003--FLIR Systems, Inc.(Nasdaq:FLIR) today announced that it has received orders for over 50 cameras for use at airports, hospitals and other locations in Taiwan and Korea. These cameras will be used to help detect fever, a possible precursor to severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). The cameras can accurately measure temperature and can be programmed to detect body temperature. Airline passengers and visitors to hospitals and other locations will be asked to look into the infrared camera for a matter of seconds, which allows the camera to record facial temperature. The ThermoCAM® line of thermography cameras features accurate temperature measurement to one tenth of a degree, image storage and image analysis capability and comes in a variety of configurations, from lightweight hand held systems resembling a flashlight in appearance to integrated fixed installations.

The technology is non-intrusive, and measures infrared radiation, or heat, that is emitted from all objects. Traditional applications for this technology include predictive and preventive maintenance, condition monitoring, research and development, and electrical and building inspection. However, the technology has growing application in all fields where temperature, or heat, can be used to assist in evaluation, diagnosis or analysis. In addition to helping to contain the spread of SARS, FLIR's new line of infrared cameras are ideal for a wide range of homeland security and law enforcement applications, such as protecting police officers in the field, nuclear power plants, borders, bridges and landmarks, petrochemical facilities, airports, hospitals, corporations, public areas or wherever the need for security is required.

"Given the growing concern about the spread of SARS, we are pleased to be able to offer our thermal imaging products to assist in its detection and possible prevention. This is another poignant example of the growing applications for our thermography products," commented Earl R. Lewis, FLIR President and Chief Executive Officer.

### 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 news gathering 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](http://www.FLIR.com).

### Forward Looking Statements

This release contains statements, including statements regarding the long term growth potential in the Company's Thermography markets, which are forward looking statements. Such statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about the Company's business based, in part, on assumptions made by management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in such forward-looking statements due to numerous factors, including the following: an inability of the Company to increase sales of its products, a lack of sufficient funding available by customers to procure such products, changes in procurement patterns generally, the impact of competitive products and pricing, constraints on supplies of critical components, excess or shortage of production capacity, actual purchases under existing agreements, the amount and availability of appropriated government procurement funds generally and other risks discussed from time to time in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings and reports, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. In addition, such statements could be affected by general industry and market conditions and growth rates, and general domestic and international economic conditions. Such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they are made and the company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this release.

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