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BARCO Expands VISTA 4000 Modular COTS Console Family

EURONAVAL, Le Bourget, France, 21 October 2002 -- BarcoView is pleased to announce the launch of its newest VISTA 4000 Modular COTS Top-Down Console. Building upon its vast expertise in providing modular, rugged systems solutions for a wide range of application platforms, BARCO has extended its VISTA 4000 Console product line with a new Modular COTS Top Down Console and now offers a complete range of fully functional and ergonomic rugged working positions for the most demanding Command and Control applications.

The new VISTA 4000 Modular Top Down Console design is based on an open frame structure that provides the flexibility to configure easily for single and dual head configurations and different widths. The console offers a modular/tiltable/removable/configurable desktop including full size keyboard, trackball, joystick (optional), function keys and audio interface. The design houses the vast range of BARCO M(R)FD type displays ranging from 18" to 21" in combination with an optional 10" Color LCD Touch Input Device.

The VISTA 4000 family has been designed for operation in airborne, landbased and naval applications and provides several configuration options: low- or high-end environmental specifications, top-down or side-by-side design and integrated or remote processing. The console design shelters the electronics and protects COTS components from severe environmental conditions. The expanded modular concept based on a split design with separate Human Machine Interface and separate processing part, the more extensive Built-In-Testing (BIT) and ease of maintenance (front-accessible LRU's) guarantee for the end user a predictable and minimal lifecycle cost. The design is conform to the latest ergonomic standards, which are becoming more and more stringent in current operational environments.

About BARCO

BARCO, with headquarters in Kortrijk, Belgium, has three key activities, which are all active in *Image Processing*. BarcoProjection is in various markets of large screen visualization. BarcoView develops and manufactures display systems for life critical applications, while BarcoVision is in systems for visual inspection and quality control. In 2001, the entire BARCO group delivered a turnover of 792 million EUR. BARCO has a network of subsidiaries, distributors and agents in 97 countries throughout the world. BARCO has been quoted on the Brussels Stock Exchange since 1986, and is now quoted on Brussels/Euronext. BARCO is a BEL 20 and a Next 150 company and is a component of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes.

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