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## Barco to start assembly of avionics products in Russia

**MAKS Airshow, Zhukovsky, Russia, 21 August 2007 – Visualization specialist Barco is to start assembly activities for its avionics products in Russia. To this end, the Belgium-based company is in final negotiations with electronic equipment supplier Elara of Cheboksary and system integration company NIIAO of Zhukovsky. Barco's plans underpin the company's commitment as a supplier of high-grade avionics displays to the Russian avionics marketplace.**

"We are confident that cooperating with Elara will offer new opportunities to better respond to the demand of our customers in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States," said General Manager of Barco's Avionics Division Yves Vanhauwaert. "Not only will it permit us to assemble our avionics displays at a leading and highly reputed production plant in the heart of the Russian market, it will also stimulate and enrich the development of both companies' technology and expertise."

"We are delighted that our negotiations with Barco, which were initiated by our former director, the late and honored Mr. Iliencko, are leading to a partnership agreement. It will permit us to participate in the success of Barco's leading display technology on the Russian market," said Anatoli Aranovich, General Director of Elara. "We are convinced that the agreement will be the start of a long-standing, successful relationship that may eventually grow beyond the Russian marketplace," Aranovich continued.

"The assembly of Barco developed displays within Russia will provide us with more flexibility to approach the growing market of state-of-the-art integrated cockpit solutions," affirmed Viacheslav Chernyshov, General Director of the NIIAO company, the leading Russian system integrator of civil aircraft cockpits and a major customer of Barco in Russia.

For the assembly of Barco's avionics displays, Elara will establish a dedicated production unit that meets the same, stringent quality requirements of Barco's own avionics production lines in Belgium. Elara will have its own qualified people and in-house facilities for environmental testing, acceptance testing and Quality Assurance.

Once the agreement will be fully implemented, Elara will assemble Barco's Control Display and Management Systems 'CDMS'. The first units will be delivered to NIIAO for system integration in December. Production is expected to reach full capacity by March 2008.

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## *About ELARA*

*The ELARA Cheboksary Research and Production Instrument-making Enterprise specializes in production of aircraft electronics: attitude and heading reference complexes, fly-by-wire and automatic control systems, computer facilities, information display systems and microelectronics products.*

*Its Quality System is certified by Soyuzcert (Russia), RW TUV (Germany) and Rockwell Collins (the USA). In 2002, the enterprise became the winner of the Russian Government's prize for quality. ELARA is one of Russia's largest 4-5th accuracy class PCB manufacturers. It possesses advanced high-precision metalworking, surface mounting and powder painting technologies. More information: [www.elara.ru](http://www.elara.ru).*

## *About NIIAO*

*The Institute of Aircraft Equipment (NIIAO) was created in 1992 as a result of merging the branch of the Gromov Flight Research Institute, that has a wide experience of research and design activity in the field of onboard aerospace equipment, and the Special Design Bureau, which develops and manufactures onboard equipment and simulators for manned space vehicles. NIIAO is headquartered in Zhukovsky, Moscow Region, Russia. Today NIIAO is the main system integrator in Russia and present on several civil platforms as Tu-204, Tu-214, Tu-334, Il-96, Ka-226 and Be-200. More information: [www.niiro.ru](http://www.niiro.ru).*

## *About Barco*

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