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Barco brings interactive touch-screen technology to large Command and Control video wall displays

Integration of SMART's DVIT technology provides interactive collaboration environment

DSEI, LONDON, UK – 11 September 2007 – Barco, a leader in display and visualization solutions for selected professional markets, will showcase its new Display Wall Touch System at this year's DSEI exhibition in London. The new system integrates DVIT™ (Digital Vision Touch) technology from SMART Technologies, Calgary, AB, Canada, enabling users to access and manipulate data across a large screen area. At this year's DSEI exhibition, Barco will demonstrate the benefits of the new system for Command and Control environments, where effective collaboration is critical in enhancing the speed and quality of command decisions.

Barco's interactive Display Wall Touch System with SMART's DVIT technology was developed by SMART's custom solutions group and is ideally suited for collaborative decision-making, brainstorming, mind mapping, briefing and training applications. On the large screen area, users can write and save notes, save screen captures and interact with content on the display wall.

The technology delivers unmatched accuracy and responsiveness and ensures real-time interaction that can be integrated into Barco's 50" XGA, SXGA and SXGA+ video wall configurations. The system uses two digital cameras with CMOS image sensors located on the corners of the video wall and sophisticated recognition algorithms to determine the exact position of the user's fingertip to make a clear distinction between single clicking, double clicking and drag and drop functions. On Barco's video walls, the technology is able to cover display wall set-ups up to three cubes across and two cubes deep.

Barco will showcase its new Display Wall Touch System at this year's DSEI exhibition, from 11 to 14 September 2007, at the ExCeL exhibition centre in London, booth #1135. Barco will demonstrate the benefits of the display wall system for briefing, training, presentation and collaboration in Command and Control environments.

About Barco

Barco, a global technology company, designs and develops visualization products for a variety of selected professional markets. Barco has its own facilities for Sales & Marketing, Customer Support, R&D and Manufacturing in Europe, North America and Asia Pacific. Barco (Euronext Brussels: BAR) is active in more than 90 countries with about 3800 employees worldwide. Barco posted sales of euro 751 million in 2006.

About SMART

SMART Technologies ULC supplies ICT products that are suitable for interactive display applications and facilitate a more interactive, collaborative environment. Using SMART products, groups can access and share the information they need to meet, teach, train and present. SMART has been issued and maintains a broad portfolio of patents with

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numerous U.S., Canadian and other patents pending. SMART customers include NASA, Texas Instruments, BMW, Toyota Motors, DaimlerChrysler, Boeing, Lucent Technologies, NTT, the Los Angeles Lakers, Novartis, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, Accenture, Procter & Gamble, British Telecom, Disney Imagineering and Harvard University.

SMART is a private company founded in 1987. Employing more than 1,000 people, SMART is headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, with assembly facilities in Kanata, Ontario, and offices in Bonn, Tokyo, New York City and Washington, DC. In 1992, SMART formed a strategic alliance with Intel® Corporation that resulted in Intel's equity ownership in the company. SMART products are sold through dealers across North America and distributors worldwide. For more information, visit www.smarttech.com.

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