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Barco signs major maintenance contract with EUROCONTROL

Barco signs renewable 5 years ODS TOOLBOX[®] maintenance contract with EUROCONTROL for Maastricht Upper Area Control Centre

KORTRIJK, BELGIUM, 25 September 2003 – Barco has been awarded a major contract by EUROCONTROL covering support and maintenance of Barco Orthogon's ODS TOOLBOX[®] software at the Upper Area Control Centre (UAC) in Maastricht over the next five years. The maintenance contract guarantees prompt reaction times, a sophisticated help desk system and provision of a software release scheme suited to the operational needs of the Maastricht UAC.

Barco Orthogon's ODS TOOLBOX[®] is a software solution, offering a standardized set of development tools to support software development and configuration of Operator Input and Display Systems (ODS). Developed in close cooperation with EUROCONTROL, this multi-purpose software development tool can be used for a wide range of applications, where dynamic objects are visualized within a graphical interactive user interface.

The completely modernized Air Traffic Control room at EUROCONTROL's Maastricht UAC has been inaugurated in January this year. It is the second largest ATC center in Europe in terms of traffic volume. In 2002, the center handled close to 1,200,000 flights in the upper airspace of Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and the North-West of Germany. In this very dense and complex traffic situation, controllers rely on Barco's ISIS LCD main displays, PVS graphics controllers and ODS TOOLBOX[®] software for their life-critical decision-making.

With the award of a direct support contract for ODS TOOLBOX[®], EUROCONTROL confirms its confidence in Barco's products and in Barco as a provider of state-of-the-art operational display components.

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About Barco

Barco, an international company headquartered in Kortrijk, Belgium, is active in three key areas of imaging technology. Barco designs and develops solutions for large screen visualization, display solutions for life-critical applications, and systems for visual inspection. Barco has a network of subsidiaries, distributors and agents in almost 100 countries. Barco is quoted on Brussels/Euronext and is a BEL 20 and a Next 150 company.