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Brazil's largest hospital opts for Barco PACS displays

KORTRIJK, Belgium, 27 May 2008 – Medical imaging company Barco has won a significant contract to supply high-grade PACS display systems to the 'Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo', the largest hospital in Brazil. The new systems will be installed in the hospital's reporting rooms and will be deployed to replace the existing film-based radiology workflow. Delivery and installation will be carried out by Macsym Tecnologia Eletrônica, Ltda, Barco's local partner in Brazil.

"We are very pleased to contribute to this strategic PACS project in the biggest and most important hospital in Brazil," says Carlos Alberto Kavai, Director at Macsym. "By choosing the Barco Nio display systems, the University Hospital of São Paulo has opted for a dependable visualization solution with a proven track record at a very competitive price. Performing approximately 500,000 diagnostic procedures every year, the hospital will certainly benefit from the high level of productivity delivered by the Nio display systems."

"In our country, it is important for healthcare providers to use displays that are medically approved to do reporting," explains Erico Bueno, PACS Coordinator at the University Hospital of São Paulo. "Even in times where budget constraints are a reality, our hospital decided to opt for a solution that delivers the quality our staff and patients deserve. After analysis and testing, we concluded that Barco's Nio systems best met our expectations. The Nio systems allow us to keep the quality, accuracy and reliability of our reporting to the highest level."

The order for Barco's Nio displays is part of a larger PACS project, including replacement of the hospital's old modalities with DICOM compliant devices, installation of a DICOM server and storage, and setup of new workstations for image visualization and diagnosis. Altogether, the hospital ordered 23 Nio Fusion 4MP color systems with a resolution of 4 MegaPixel and 7 Nio grayscale systems (dual-head) with a resolution of 3 MegaPixel. All workstations will be installed in the hospital's radiology institute.

Nio is Barco's line of diagnostic display systems for cost-effective medical imaging. Combining both innovation and performance, Nio display systems offer radiologists the most dependable and comprehensive diagnostic display solution on the market. The proven technology of Nio significantly improves the diagnostic reading routine for a multitude of medical imaging applications, including PACS, MRI, angiography, computed tomography and mammography. Nio systems are available in color and grayscale, with resolutions ranging from 2 MegaPixel up to 5 MegaPixel. Just like all other Barco diagnostic display systems, Nio systems come with a 5 year warranty.

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About Macsym Tecnologia Eletrônica, Ltda

Founded in 1988, Macsym Tecnologia Eletronica, Ltd., focuses on providing solutions for measurement and control in the industrial area, equipment and software for electronic development. Five years ago, Macsym also entered the medical market, developing and providing complete solutions for radiology (hardware and software) that help customers to improve their workflow reduce operational costs and provide better care to their patients.

Headquartered in Sao Paulo, Macsym is active in Brazil and some neighboring countries, including Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay.

About Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo

The Hospital das Clínicas da Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de São Paulo (University of São Paulo Faculty of Medicine Clinics Hospital) is a complex of health institutions, located in various regions of the city of São Paulo, Brazil . Founded on April 19, 1944, it occupies a total area of 352,000 square meters and offers 2,200 beds, distributed between its six specialized institutes. The hospital performs on average 500,000 diagnostic procedures every year.

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.

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