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LASERDYNE® SYSTEMS, a Division of PRIMA North America, Inc.,
Announces Receipt Of Multiple Follow-On Orders
For Its Multi-Axis 790 BeamDirector Systems
Totaling Over 1.9 Million Dollars From Pratt & Whitney

Champlin, Minnesota: PRIMA North America, Inc., announced that its LASERDYNE SYSTEMS Division, a world leader in multi-axis laser machining systems, has received multiple follow-on orders totaling over 1.9 million dollars from the Pratt & Whitney Division of United Technologies.

Dr. Paolo Cigna, president of PRIMA North America, announced the orders saying they complemented earlier orders received this year from Pratt & Whitney for the company's multi-axis laser drilling systems. The systems which are similar will be used for precision, high-speed laser processing of aerospace turbine engine components.

“These new orders indicate a ramp-up in production and a continuing long-term commitment by an important customer to LASERDYNE’s unique laser technology for providing exacting laser solutions for difficult aerospace applications,” stated Cigna. “It is important to note that Pratt & Whitney has purchased the systems with our new patented Optical Focus Control (OFC). OFC has been shown to improve quality and shorten cycle times in drilling both uncoated and thermal barrier coated turbine engine parts.”

A LASERDYNE system customer for over 15 years, Pratt & Whitney uses LASERDYNE laser systems for laser processing turbine engine parts such as combustor liners and nozzle guide vanes. Most of these parts are produced from difficult to process high temperature materials such as Inconel®, Hastelloy®, and super cobalt alloys and require special holes of different sizes, shapes and at varying angles. With the LASERDYNE laser systems, these holes are produced accurately and at rates up to several holes per second.

LASERDYNE products are the standard in turbine engine manufacturing. The company has supplied more than 300 of these systems worldwide to leading aerospace manufacturers and their subcontractors in North America, Europe and Asia.

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