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InnovaSystems Files Action Against Key Proveris Patent at United States Patent and Trademark Office

InnovaSystems Requests Patent Office Institute Inter Partes Reexamination
Against Proveris Patent

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InnovaSystems, a leading provider of MDI and Nasal Spray automated test equipment, announced that it today filed a Request for Re-examination of Proveris Scientific's U.S. Patent No. 6,785,400 at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

"As part of our vigorous defense of our ADSA product, patent position and legal rights, we believe the USPTO is a venue that will provide favorable resolution to our outstanding dispute with Proveris," said InnovaSystems President John Waters. "We strongly believe the USPTO will confirm our position that the patent claims asserted by Proveris against InnovaSystems are invalid and that, in combination with our recent appeal of the U.S. Federal District Court action, will put an end to Proveris' apparent goal of unfairly monopolizing the spray testing industry."

As all parties in this industry are aware, the use of a camera and light to measure spray plumes is notoriously well known. Unfortunately, Proveris continues to allege that the '400 patent provides protection for little more than the simple combination of a light that provides illumination and a camera that records a sequence of images – begging the guestion: where is the invention?

As described in the Request for Reexamination filed today, this combination of features has been disclosed in numerous patents and other prior art references. We strongly believe that this filing will prevent Proveris from continuing to use the patent as a false barrier to competition in this industry. A European counterpart of the 400 patent is also currently being re-examined via opposition proceedings with the European Patent Office.

InnovaSystems also takes this opportunity to provide accurate information to our business partners and customers, summarized as follows:

- InnovaSystems will continue to be the leader in the spray data analysis field with respect to both advanced technologies and customer service;
- The litigation between InnovaSystems and Proveris involves only the OSA and ADSA systems within the United States and:
- InnovaSystems' other line of products, including our actuators, MightyRunt, weighing stations, etc., are not involved in this litigation.

We appreciate the solid support from our many customers in this field, look forward to continued business, and would be pleased to provide additional information to our customers.