



## *Press release*

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## **Barco and Thales partner to market command, control and intelligence solutions worldwide**

**Eurosatory, Paris, France, 20 June 2008 – Barco and Thales announce the signature of a strategic global partnership to jointly promote Thales' C4I (Computerised Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence) and ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) solutions, and Barco's networked visualization solutions. The resulting capability combines Barco's information display solutions with tailored C4ISR content, forming a commander's decision space adapted to strategic or deployed headquarters as well as mobile command posts for defense and security customers worldwide.**

Commenting on the expected benefits of the Barco-Thales cooperation, Jacques Rabain, Vice-President C4ISR, Thales' Land & Joint systems division, observes: "The current integration of C4ISR resulting from battlespace digitisation offers new, powerful decision-support tools. The merging of geospatial information, imagery, shared situational awareness and multi-source intelligence calls for tailored information display to the commander: network-ready, content-aware, and on demand. Here, the NATO-standardised references of Barco and Thales, their technology lead as well as the worldwide reach of both companies deliver valuable information dominance solutions."

As part of the agreement, Barco's Security and Monitoring division and Thales Land & Joint systems division will cooperate in terms of marketing, technology and solution design to C4ISR users.

"The global partnership is leveraging a long-standing relationship with Thales", said Alain Solomon, VP Worldwide Sales at Barco's Security & Monitoring division. "It reflects our ability to deliver optimal capabilities for enhanced situational awareness, by integrating our network-centric visualisation solutions into the Thales battlespace digitisation solutions."

### *Barco's integrated and networked visualisation platforms*

Barco's integrated and networked visualisation platforms deliver information superiority, providing a clear advantage in real-time Command & Control operations, research and mission planning. They provide up-to-the-minute, dynamically tailored access to synthesised Common Operational Picture (COP) and scenarios – enabling Shared Situational Awareness (SSA) for the simultaneous sharing of information among many people at the same time. This facilitates rapid collaborative planning, Course Of Action (COA) development, decision-making, execution, communication and monitoring.

### *Thales C4ISR capabilities*

The Thales European leadership in networked information dominance is reflected in its core offerings for battlespace digitisation. Comm@nder, an integrated computerised command, control, communications and intelligence solution meets the growing requirements for jointness and network-enabled capabilities, from Joint command to the dismounted squad leader. CIEW (Communications Intelligence and Electronic Warfare) provides tailored mission packages for strategic intelligence, Army or Naval electronic support measures and electronic attack. Thales also offers operational applications for geodata production, battle management or intelligence exploitation.

### *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 (NYSE Euronext Brussels: BAR) is active in more than 90 countries with about 3600 employees worldwide. Barco posted sales of euro 747 million in 2007.*

### *About Thales*

*Thales is a leading international electronics and systems group, addressing defence, aerospace and security markets worldwide. Thales's leading-edge technology is supported by 22,000 R&D engineers who offer a capability unmatched in Europe to develop and deploy field-proven mission-critical information systems. To this end, the group's civil and military businesses develop in parallel and share a common base of technologies to serve a single objective: the security of people, property and nations. The group builds its growth on its unique multi-domestic strategy based on trusted partnerships with national customers and market players, while leveraging its global expertise to support local technology and industrial development. Thales employs 68,000 people in 50 countries with 2007 revenues of € 12.3 billion.*