



Curtiss-Wright Teams Up To Offer Next-Generation Integrated Biometric Security Software

**** Enterprise Biometric Framework™ Software Solution Incorporates Fingerprints, Voice Patterns, Facial Recognition, Iris Scanning and Hand Geometry into Single Networked Solution with a Continuously Updated Database * Identifies and Helps Stop Potential Intruders and Eases Movement of Authorized Personnel * Integrates Access Control, Screening and Surveillance Solutions into any Security Architecture***

LYNDHURST, N.J., Oct 28, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ Curtiss-Wright Corporation (NYSE: CW, CW.B) today announced it is teaming up with Advanced Biometric Security (ABS), a provider of enterprise biometric security software, to deliver a full suite of integrated biometric software security solutions to customers in the public and private sectors. Homeland security is critical to all Americans, and the responsibility for protecting our physical infrastructure is imperative. Over the past year, individual biometric technologies have gained broader recognition, and now there is a need to integrate these technologies for tighter security at airports, military bases, nuclear power plants, and other high-risk areas across the country and around the world.

In order for some security systems to identify and screen individuals, they will need to use multiple cross checking features, such as facial recognition, fingerprints, voice patterns, iris scanning and hand geometry, and unite them into one networked solution. Such systems require software that integrates the data collected and provides the ability to cross-reference that information with a centralized database that is continuously updated. ABS's scalable, standards-based Enterprise Biometric Framework™ (EBF) provides such capabilities.

The EBF is a platform that connects point biometric tools with the rest of an organization's systems such as those that provide physical access control, information access control, surveillance, data mining and screening technologies. Previously, this functionality required a series of complicated application program interfaces. The EBF can also record data from intruders and update worldwide law enforcement databases over secure Internet connections on a real-time basis.

Martin Benante, Chairman and CEO of Curtiss-Wright, stated, "The addition of ABS's software solutions and integration capabilities enhances the product lines we are providing to the Homeland and Military Defense markets. ABS fits well with the facial recognition systems we currently provide and can be marketed independently of that system as well. The enhanced solution will help identify and stop potential intruders and simultaneously ease the movement of authorized personnel."

"Curtiss-Wright has always considered itself as a solution provider to its customer base and the ABS EBF platform fits that mold. It provides a solution to a problem within one powerful framework that addresses specific customers' needs."

ABOUT CURTISS-WRIGHT

Curtiss-Wright Corporation is a diversified company headquartered in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. The Company designs, manufactures and overhauls products for motion control and flow control applications and additionally is a provider of metal treatment services. The firm employs approximately 3,250 people. More information on Curtiss-Wright can be found on the Internet at <http://www.curtisswright.com>.

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