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Dennis Fransen Joins Thales Communications as Chief Financial Officer



CLARKSBURG, Md., April 24, 2006 - Thales Communications, Inc., announces the appointment of Dennis Fransen as vice president and chief financial officer. Mr. Fransen will be responsible for global finance operations, which includes directing the company's finance, contracts, legal, internal audit, and corporate services functions.

Mr. Fransen brings to Thales more than 25 years of experience, with a majority being in senior financial management and operational positions. Prior to joining Thales, he was executive vice president and chief financial officer of Development Alternatives, Inc., a leader in global economic development consulting. He was the senior executive in charge of strategic financial planning, finance, treasury, MIS/IT, legal, contract administration, pricing, internal audit, and mergers and acquisitions. In addition to financial and legal expertise in U.S. Government programs, Mr. Fransen's background includes commercial and defense electronics manufacturing as well as international business.

"Our expertise and leadership in the industry have brought about exponential growth in recent years," said Mitch Herbets, president and chief executive officer of Thales Communications. "Dennis' credentials, proven capabilities, and strong experience make him an excellent addition to our team as we continue to manage that growth."

Mr. Fransen was awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration and accounting from the University of Wisconsin. He is a certified public accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Financial Executives International. He serves on the board of directors of the University of Wisconsin-Superior Foundation.

About Thales

Thales Communications, Inc., a global leader in the development of secure, tactical, software-defined radio equipment and solutions, provides critical communication capabilities for use in size, weight, and power-constrained environments. Thales Communications is part of the **Thales Group** of companies, a leading international electronics and systems group serving defense, aerospace, security, and services markets worldwide. The Group employs 60,000 people throughout the world and generated revenues of \$12.7 billion in 2005. Thales Communications, Inc., is a U.S. proxy company. Accordingly, it is considered a 100% American company by the U.S. Government. For more information about Thales Communications, visit www.thalescomminc.com. For more information about the Thales Group, visit www.thalesgroup.com.

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