Thales First Responder Multiband Radio Receives Intrinsic Safe Certification

CLARKSBURG, Md., March 18, 2011 – Thales Communications, Inc. announces that its Liberty™ Multiband Land Mobile Radio (LMR) has been certified to the Factory Mutual (FM) Approval Standard 3610:1988 for Intrinsic Safe equipment. Intrinsic Safe ensures that the radio can be operated in an explosive environment, that it will not trigger ignition in the presence of flammable or combustible material.

The Liberty LMR is a software-defined, portable LMR that enables emergency responders to communicate with partner agencies, regardless of radio frequency band. It operates across all the public safety bands (136-174 MHz, 380-520 MHz, 700 MHz, and 800 MHz) and in Project 25 (P25) conventional, P25 trunked, and legacy analog modes. The Liberty LMR is capable of Output Feedback Data Encryption Standard (OFB DES) and AES encryption with Over-The-Air-Rekey (OTAR) for secure communications. It is Mil Spec rugged and submersible to two meters.

"Agencies now have an Intrinsic Safe option available in a full-spectrum multiband," said Mike Sheehan, President and CEO of Thales Communications, Inc*. "Successful completion of the testing further illustrates Thales's dedication to providing interoperability to all users, including those working in hazardous environments."*

Intrinsic Safe certification complies with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate for their Multiband Radio Project.

The Liberty LMR is manufactured at Thales's Clarksburg, Maryland, facilities. The products are available for purchase through GSA Schedule GS-35L-0001L and DOI contract GS-TFMG-BPA-09-0012. For additional ordering vehicles and product information, email liberty@thalescomminc.com or visit www.thalesliberty.com.

About Thales and Thales Communications, Inc.

Thales (www.thalesgroup.com) is a global technology leader for the Defense & Security and the Aerospace & Transport markets. In 2010, the company generated revenues of €13.1 billion (equivalent of $17.3 billion) with 68,000 employees in 50 countries. With its 22,500 engineers and researchers, Thales has a unique capability to design, develop, and deploy equipment, systems, and services that meet the most complex security requirements. Thales has an exceptional international footprint, with operations around the world working with customers as local partners.

Thales Communications, Inc. (www.thalescomminc.com) is a global leader in the development, manufacture, and support of reliable, software-defined radio equipment and solutions. The company serves the ground, naval, airborne, and homeland security domains with tactical electronic equipment and information systems that address the technological and environmental challenges presented in real-world situations—especially those with size, weight, and power constraints. A U.S. proxy company (100% American), Thales Communications, Inc. is part of Thales.

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