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NEEMO 9 Mission to include HaiVision's hai500 Network Video System for Low Latency Telemedicine Investigation

September 20, 2005 - HaiVision Systems Inc. (Montreal, Canada) is pleased to announce today that their hai500 high performance video encoder/decoder system has been selected for use within the NEEMO 9 space analogue mission. During this mission, the team of astronauts will investigate the effects of latency on various remote medical procedures by introducing different levels of latency. The HaiVision hai500 technology was selected because it delivers the lowest latency and the highest video quality reliably over broadband networks.

While executing sensitive procedures remotely, the increase in latency of just a few milliseconds can extend the overall procedure time dramatically, and in some cases render interaction impossible. Dr. Mehran Anvari, Professor of Surgery at McMaster University and Director of the Center for Minimal Access Surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, has been selected as chief scientific officer for the NEEMO 9 mission. Dr. Anvari is an expert in the area of remote medical procedures.

The NEEMO "analogue" missions are the execution of space processes within the Aquarius underwater laboratory in Key Largo, Florida. Performing innovative medical procedures in this remote environment allows astronauts and their support crews to evaluate and train for the adoption of such techniques within extreme conditions of space missions. This ninth NEEMO mission, which is scheduled for October, focuses on the effects of latency (delay in getting video from the remote environment to the base station) on the performance of a variety of interactive medical tasks.

The NEEMO 9 mission is the result of cooperation between industry, education, the space agencies of the United States and Canada (NASA and CSA), and TATRC (Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center), a subordinate element of the United States Army Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC). "HaiVision is proud to be involved in these important investigations, and is reaching to surpass the emerging requirements for remote interaction within the medical community," emphasizes Francois Gariepy, HaiVision's president.

About HaiVision Systems Inc.
Based in Montreal, Canada, HaiVision Systems Inc. is a global supplier of networked video technology for interactive true-to-life communications, mission critical network video transmission, and IP business video solutions. HaiVision's products are used by telecom operators and systems integrators around the world for delivering the highest quality broadband video applications. HaiVision's systems and tools have been central to some of the most successful video communications deployments over the past seven years, meeting the exacting requirements of top corporate boardroom, distance education, telemedicine, and delay sensitive surveillance systems.

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