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**SPECTRUM TECHNOLOGIES ANNOUNCES FIRST ORDER FOR NEW NOVA 880
WIRE MARKING SYSTEM FROM SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT CORP.**

Spectrum Technologies PLC, world leader in laser wire & cable processing technology, is delighted to announce that the first order for their brand new Nova™ 880 ultra-high speed wire marking system has been received from Sikorsky Aircraft, Stratford, CT, USA.

The *CAPRIS*® NOVA 880 ultra high speed UV laser wire mark, measure and cut system is Spectrum's latest innovation and joins the existing range of *CAPRIS*® UV laser wire marking products as the new top of the range system. The system was launched on 8 October and was officially unveiled today at the Productronica show in Munich, Germany. During a presentation on the development of this new 5th generation machine it was also announced that Sikorsky is to be the launch customer for the first system. Delivery and installation of this first production machine is scheduled to take place before the year end at their helicopter production facility in Stratford, CT.

The Nova 880 is available as both a manual set up system and with automated wire handling options. Sikorsky has specified their unit to include a new high speed automatic wire auto select and load unit, which can accommodate up to 32 different wires and cables, and a 6 metre wire stacker to facilitate the introduction of lean manufacturing techniques.

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A large backlog of aircraft orders has developed over the last several years following strong overall growth within the aerospace industry. The Nova 880 has been developed in response to demand from industry for a very high speed marker for high volume aerospace wire harness manufacturing applications to meet the need for increased capacity. The Nova system is being offered along with the *CAPRIS* 60-200 as a replacement to the older generation *CAPRIS* 100 wire markers, which have been the mainstay of the industry for many years. The Nova 880 marker excels in particular in extreme applications, for example marking very long wire codes and for marking longer wires with continuous close pitched wire codes, such as required by military aircraft applications.

Input from key customers, including Sikorsky, was sought during the initial design of the product, including specifying of technical requirements. Following the development stage the prototype system has undergone a rigorous process of testing and debugging. The resulting product satisfies Sikorsky's need to replace their existing equipment while the advanced features of the Nova 880 offers important productivity improvements and fits well with their drive for lean manufacturing.

CEO, Dr Peter Dickinson commented: "Sikorsky is a long standing key customer and this order has given us the opportunity to demonstrate the capabilities of the Nova 880 in a demanding manufacturing environment. We are really delighted that they have placed their faith in us once again."

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