



Airports Coast to Coast Now Taking a Hands On Approach to Security With Biometric Security Solutions from Recognition Systems Inc.

CAMPBELL, CA – August 27, 2002 – Recognition Systems Inc. (RSI), the biometrics division of Ingersoll-Rand Company Limited (NYSE: IR), today announced that its biometric security solutions are now being evaluated and incorporated at several international and regional airports in the United States, including Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport (San Jose, CA); Portland International Jetport (Portland, ME); and Boise Airport (Boise, ID).

“As airports continue to seek ways to enhance their operational security, it is clear that biometric security solutions, such as Recognition Systems’ handreaders, can play a vital role in helping airports meet ever-increasing security and safety demands,” said Ralph G. Tonseth, director of aviation at Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport.

Currently, Portland International and Boise Airport are using RSI's biometric handreader verification systems to protect and control access to various areas inside their airports. Mineta San Jose International is evaluating the technology to determine how they might incorporate biometrics into its broader access control systems. RSI's hand geometry technology is the only biometric access system that the airport is currently reviewing.

The RSI handreaders analyze more than 90 unique measurements of the size and shape of a person's hand, taking only a few seconds to complete, and then compares that information to a central database that tracks and monitors employee movements and access to sensitive areas.

“By incorporating and evaluating sophisticated biometric technologies, Mineta San Jose International Airport is demonstrating its commitment to maximizing airport security while providing travelers with a more convenient travel environment,” said U.S.

Representative Mike Honda (D-CA). Recently, Rep. Honda and San Jose Mayor, Ron Gonzales, created the Silicon Valley Blue Ribbon Task Force on Aviation Security and Technology.

The task force of leading Silicon Valley aviation, security and technology experts developed policy recommendations on ways to improve aviation security nationwide through the use of technology, and personally delivered them to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta. Martin Huddart, general manager of Recognition Systems Inc., was a leader of the task force's biometrics subcommittee. Earlier this year, Salt Lake City International Airport selected RSI handreaders to further enhance its security measures. For more than a decade, RSI biometric handreaders have represented a key security component at San Francisco International Airport, where more than 18,000 airport employees use the handreaders daily to gain access to all critical air operations areas, including access to the tarmacs. RSI technology also is used at Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel, where it helps verify the identity of some 50,000 passengers per month. This trusted traveler program has been cited as a model for potential use here in the U.S. to speed airline passengers through tightened security.

“As we adjust to the new, heightened security required in today's environment, Recognition Systems biometrics can contribute to keeping air travel safe and secure,” said U.S. Senator Olympia J. Snowe (R-Maine) in reference to Portland International's incorporation of RSI biometric security solutions. Senator Snowe is a member of the subcommittee on aviation within the Committee of Commerce, Science & Transportation. She served as a conferee on the aviation security law passed last fall.

About Recognition Systems

With more than 70,000 hand geometry units throughout the world reading millions of hands each day, Recognition Systems, founded in 1986, is the pioneer in hand recognition technology used in access control, time and attendance and identification applications. The company is the world sales leader of biometric verification devices and serves an international clientele from its headquarters in Campbell, Calif. The hand geometry website is www.handreader.com. The phone number is 408-341-4100. Recognition Systems is the biometric division of Ingersoll-Rand Company Limited (NYSE: IR). The Ingersoll-Rand website is www.irco.com

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