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European Patent Office Announces Upcoming Patent Grant To Visions East, Inc.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, November 6, 2006 - Visions East, Inc., the Robotic Marine Solutions company of the United States, first to develop a comprehensive automated system for the fairing and painting of marine vessel surfaces, has received its Notice of Allowability from the European Patent Office (EPO) in the form of the *Communication under Rule 51(4) EPC*, issued November 3, 2006.

What this means for the general public is that the patent application made by Visions East filed with the EPO on November 20, 2000 will now be granted. The Contracting States where the patent will be allowed are the member states of the European Patent Convention. Among them are: Austria (AT), Belgium (BE), Switzerland (CH), Cypress (CY), Germany (DE), Denmark (DK), Spain (ES), Finland (FI), France (FR), United Kingdom (GB), Greece (GR), Ireland (IE), Italy (IT), Liechtenstein (LI), Luxembourg (LU), Monaco (MC), Netherlands (NL), Portugal (PT), Sweden (SE) and Turkey (TR). The European patent will join a list of numerous other foreign and United States patents that have previously been issued to Visions East.

“This is an important step for Visions East and the evolution we have sparked in the marine industry.” says Steve Morton, President of Visions East. “It serves to further legitimize our ideas and claims that automated systems, including robotic coatings application, can provide a valuable contribution to the fairing and painting of megayachts for the marine industry. It is also important in that the European market represents a major share of the overall world-wide yacht industry with many fine, well-established builders and more new companies emerging month-to-month.”

Visions East, Inc. is headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA and was incorporated in 1994. With strengths in coatings application, robotic automation and advanced scientific computer applications, the company offers complete, turnkey equipment solutions to boatbuilders, boatyards and production manufacturing companies engaged in the construction, refit and repair of marine vessels. Visions East’s VEbot™ Automated Coatings System is the first and only patented system designed for the fairing and painting of large vessels in the megayacht and superyacht sector. Partnered with FANUC Robotics America, VEbot™ systems utilize robotic components from the world’s largest robotics supplier. Visions East was recognized at the inaugural Seas2004 Superyacht Technology Show in Nice, France and received the ISTIA Award for Innovation in Superyacht Technology sponsored by *The Yacht Report*.

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