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### **Republic of Korea to Grant Patent To Visions East, Inc.**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, December 28, 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, was informed that on December 12, 2006, a Notice of Allowance was issued by the Republic of Korea government patent office under Article 66 of the Korean Patent Law.

The original U.S. patent applications made by Visions East and inventor Steve Morton were granted on April 2, 2002 for the method claims and May 13, 2003 for the apparatus claims. The Korean patent will be issued for both the method and apparatus claims as submitted in the original Visions East's application.

"This is another significant step for Visions East as it signals the acceptance of Visions East's innovations in one of the most important marine markets and emerging industrial markets in the world," said Steve Morton, founder and president of Visions East. The Notice of Allowance for the Korean patent follows similar decision announcements Visions East has received from both the European Patent Office and the Patent Office of the Commonwealth of Australia in this the fourth quarter of 2006.

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 vessels surfaces. 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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