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FLIR Systems Names Denis Helm as Senior Vice President for Corporate Development

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- FLIR Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq:FLIR), announced today that Denis Helm, has joined the Company as Senior Vice President for Corporate Development. In that role, Mr. Helm will be responsible for coordinating the Company's evaluation of acquisition opportunities. Mr. Helm, who will report to Earl Lewis, FLIR's President and CEO, previously spent over 30 years in various management positions at Thermo Electron Corporation (NYSE: "TMO"), most recently as President of Thermo Electron's Environmental Instruments Division, a \$130 million per year diversified instruments manufacturing business.

"Denis comes to FLIR with extensive experience in evaluating, integrating and managing diverse manufacturing organizations, and he is an excellent addition to our senior management team at a time of significant growth for the Company," said Mr. Lewis.

About FLIR Systems

FLIR Systems designs, manufactures and markets infrared imaging systems worldwide for a variety of applications. FLIR's imaging products are used in such diverse applications as public safety, defense, navigation, electronic newsgathering and search and rescue. Thermography products support such applications as condition monitoring, non-destructive testing, medical science, research and development, and manufacturing process control. For more information, please visit their Web site at www.flir.com.

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