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Optex Systems Receives Export Licenses to Ship Directly to International Customers

RICHARDSON, Texas, Sept. 23, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Optex Systems Holdings, Inc. (OTCBB:OPXS), a leading manufacturer of optical sighting systems and assemblies primarily for Department of Defense applications, today announced that the Company has been approved for and issued Department of State DSP-5 permanent export licenses to ship unclassified defense-related products to international customers. Having these licenses in place allows Optex to do business directly with international customers that have a need for its products as spares and replenishments for orders were previously placed through a dealer. Furthermore, it strengthens the Company's ability to support contracts that have ITAR requirements for importing and exporting defense-related articles.

Optex is currently registered with the Department of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) and the office of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), which is a prerequisite for obtaining licenses for importing and exporting defense-related articles.

Danny Schoening, COO of Optex Systems, commented, "This further shows that Optex has the ability to directly meet the needs of our international customers. It is also an important step in expanding our customer base and revenue potential."

ABOUT OPTEX SYSTEMS

Optex, which was founded in 1987, is a Richardson, Texas-based ISO 9001:2008 certified concern, which manufactures optical sighting systems and assemblies, primarily for Department of Defense (DOD) applications. Its products are installed on various types of U.S. military land vehicles, such as the Abrams and Bradley fighting vehicles, Light Armored and Armored Security Vehicles, and have been selected for installation on the Stryker family of vehicles. Optex also manufactures and delivers numerous periscope configurations, rifle and surveillance sights and night vision optical assemblies. Optex delivers its products both directly to the military services and to prime contractors. For additional information, please visit the Company's website at www.optexsys.com.

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The Company does not assume the obligation to update any forward-looking statement. You should carefully evaluate such statements in light of factors described in the Company's filings with the SEC, especially on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. In various filings the Company has identified important factors that could cause actual results to differ from expected or historic results. You should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors. Consequently, you should not consider any such list to be a complete list of all potential risks or uncertainties.

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