



Trimble Demonstrates the Connected Community and Interactive Real-Time Communication for Construction Contractors

Trimble Connected Site Solutions Allow Greater Communication Between Construction Stakeholders

LAS VEGAS, March 11, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Trimble (Nasdaq: TRMB) announced today that it will demonstrate its new Trimble Connected Community, a Web-based set of networking tools for heavy and highway construction contractors to connect with internal and external partners and clients. As part of the Trimble Connected Site(TM) portfolio of construction solutions, the Trimble Connected Community allows contractors to build information portals, share information and collaborate between head office management, site office teams, field crews, subcontractors, suppliers, engineers and clients on a project.

The live demonstrations will be held at CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2008, one of the world's largest international exhibitions for construction and construction materials industries. Trimble will be located in the Las Vegas Convention Center South Hall #S-17411 and in the Silver Lot #S-890.

In both indoor and outdoor settings, the demonstrations will feature four crucial Connected Site workflows on the modern construction job site by showing how two-way data transfer and real-time communications increase productivity for site positioning, grade control, asset management, and the Trimble Connected Community.

- Connecting Site Positioning Systems - demonstration of real-time, two-way data flow between the office and GPS or total station positioning systems. By eliminating trips back to the office to retrieve or download the latest design and work order data, the process is streamlined and enables field crews to have the most up-to-date information, reducing downtime and making field crews more efficient and productive.
- Connecting Grade Control Systems - demonstration of the productivity improvements from real-time, two-way data for grade control systems, which creates an intelligent "live" link between the machines and the office. The live link enables contractors to rapidly send up-to-date design information to the cab eliminating time consuming trips to site and reducing errors associated with use of incorrect or out-of-date site models. Two-way data also allows the equipment manager to monitor the location and activity of each machine and to retrieve as graded and compaction data from the machines to monitor site production volumes and compaction performance.
- Connecting Equipment and Mobile Assets - demonstration of the Trimble Construction Manager solution, which combines GPS and wireless communications to enable contractors to connect to their assets on heavy and highway projects. Using an Internet-enabled interface, the contractor can see the status of each piece of equipment on their construction sites--live in the office. This powerful solution allows the contractor to monitor and report cycle times, delivery status, equipment productivity and utilization, machine run time and idle-time hours, and fuel consumption to maximize their equipment fleet and improve their operations by lowering costs, improving project cost reporting and reducing project risk.
- Connecting a Community - demonstration of the Trimble Connected Community. Using Web communication technologies, contractors can integrate head office, site office and field crew operations into a communication portal that can be accessed by construction project stakeholders. In addition, a contractor can extend their user community

to include engineers, subcontractors, suppliers and the owners of their projects. The Connected Community can provide insight into project operations, head office activities, and provide a collaboration site that allows efficient sharing of information and rapid resolution of site problems and requests for information. The collaborative environment leverages information resources, promotes efficiencies, and reduces delays associated with communicating and sharing information with multiple stakeholders on the construction site.

About Trimble's Construction Business

Trimble's Construction Division is a leading innovator of productivity solutions for both the heavy and highway contractor and the building construction contractor. Trimble's solutions leverage a variety of technologies, including Global Positioning System (GPS), construction lasers, total stations, wireless data communications, the Internet, and application software. As part of the Trimble Connected Site strategy, these solutions provide a high-level of process and workflow integration from the design phase through to the finished project-delivering significant improvements in productivity throughout the construction lifecycle.

About Trimble

Trimble applies technology to make field and mobile workers in businesses and government significantly more productive. Solutions are focused on applications requiring position or location-including surveying, construction, agriculture, fleet and asset management, public safety and mapping. In addition to utilizing positioning technologies, such as GPS, lasers and optics, Trimble solutions may include software content specific to the needs of the user. Wireless technologies are utilized to deliver the solution to the user and to ensure a tight coupling of the field and the back office. Founded in 1978 and headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif., Trimble has a worldwide presence with more than 3,600 employees in over 18 countries.

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