



## **Trimble Raises the Bar for Mapping and GIS Accuracy With the GeoExplorer 2008 Series**

### **High-Accuracy, Real-Time Asset Management Maximizes Field Worker Productivity**

SUNNYVALE, Calif., May 15, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Trimble (Nasdaq: TRMB) introduced today its next-generation rugged handheld computing devices with integrated Global Positioning System (GPS) technology -- the Trimble(R) GeoExplorer(R) 2008 series. As one of three models available, the new GeoXH(TM) handheld is setting a new mapping and Geographic Information System (GIS) industry standard with real-time decimeter (10 centimeter) level positioning accuracy. With high-accuracy GIS data collection capabilities, field workers can easily perform effective mapping of infrastructure and more accurate asset inventories. Because high accuracy positioning is available in real-time, utility workers, public works personnel, and others who locate buried and hidden assets can more easily excavate cables and pipes without the risk of damaging nearby assets. In addition, back-office data processing is eliminated, streamlining asset inventories and as-built mapping jobs.

"Utilities and government personnel require high levels of accuracy in their GIS databases in order to perform their daily responsibilities most effectively," said Doug Merrill, general manager of Trimble's Mapping & GIS Division. "The GeoExplorer 2008 series is an ideal solution to help achieve these goals and deliver on-the-spot positioning for more accurate and efficient asset management -- the first time around."

With the GeoExplorer 2008 series, the user can select the model that best suits their needs. The GeoXM(TM) handheld provides 1-3 meter accuracy. It integrates reliable, real-time corrected GPS so users can relocate assets with confidence and fulfill work orders more efficiently. The GeoXT(TM) handheld offers all of the features of the GeoXM, plus a submeter receiver and Trimble's unique EVEREST(TM) multipath rejection technology. This model is ideal for working in difficult environments such as under canopy, in urban canyons or anywhere high-accuracy data collection and maintenance is required. For even higher accuracy applications, users can select the GeoXH handheld for real-time decimeter level positioning.

The entire GeoExplorer 2008 series, including the GeoXT and GeoXM handhelds, are equipped with a high-resolution 3.5 inch VGA (480 x 640 pixel) display. This high-quality display, along with its rugged design and extended battery life, gives field workers a clear and crisp view of all maps and allows them to keep working all day, regardless of weather conditions.

Powered by Microsoft(R) Windows Mobile(R) version 6 operating system, users have the flexibility to select any mobile GIS or field application software that best meets their specific field requirements, whether it is off-the-shelf or a customized solution. In addition, access to the familiar Microsoft software suite, including Word Mobile, Excel(R) Mobile, and Outlook(R) Mobile, from the GeoExplorer 2008 series handhelds gives users the tools they need to maintain data integrity and effectively communicate with the office.

For enhanced connectivity, the GeoExplorer 2008 series' integrated GPS receiver gives users location information for navigation and data collection activities. With Bluetooth(R) wireless technology the GeoExplorer 2008 series allows users to connect a cell phone for access to the Internet to receive real-time corrections from VRS(TM) networks as well as download background map data. Users can also connect to Bluetooth-enabled laser rangefinders, barcode scanners, and digital cameras to provide additional capabilities and increased productivity in the field.

The Trimble GeoExplorer 2008 series is available now through Trimble's Mapping & GIS distribution channel.

#### 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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