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CLAAS and Trimble Announce Trimble Ready Option for LEXION Combines

RED DEER, Alberta, Nov. 9, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- CLAAS and Trimble (NASDAQ: TRMB) announced the introduction of a Trimble Ready[®] machine factory option for CLAAS LEXION combines. CLAAS assembles LEXION combines in their Omaha, Nebraska, factory for distribution throughout North America. In 2017, LEXION combines will have the option to be wired and ready for Trimble's Android-based TMX-2050[™] display as they roll off the assembly line. The Trimble Ready option includes the cabling, brackets and mounts for a fit and finish specific to the LEXION cab.

The announcement was made at Agri Trade Equipment Expo.

"We have been working closely with Trimble since 2011, providing the capability to deliver aftermarket solutions on the LEXION combine," said Brandon Olstad, platform manager for Efficient Agriculture Systems by CLAAS. "Offering the Trimble Ready solution from the factory is a logical progression toward streamlining the integration of Trimble products on CLAAS equipment. We are pleased to offer this convenience factor to our customers."

The Trimble Ready configuration on the LEXION combines interfaces with the CLAAS CAN Bus architecture to enable GNSS steering through the CLAAS guidance infrastructure. Yield mapping via the CLAAS Quantimeter system is also supported. Farmers can purchase the Autopilot[™] automated steering system and TMX-2050 display from Trimble resellers for a quick and easy "plug-n-play" installation of Trimble technology on LEXION combines.

"Since CLAAS LEXION combines are now Trimble Ready, farmers can easily add the Autopilot system and TMX-2050 display to their combines to begin enjoying the many benefits of precision guidance technology," said Tim East, worldwide OEM sales manager for Trimble's Agriculture Division. "Through our close working relationship with CLAAS, we are able to ensure a seamless and lower cost installation for the farmer."

Growers who plan to incorporate Trimble technology into their 2017 LEXION combines can contact their LEXION Dealer to add the Trimble Ready option.

About Trimble's Agriculture Division

Trimble's Agriculture Division provides solutions that solve complex technology challenges across the entire agricultural supply chain. These solutions enable farmers and advisors to allocate scarce resources to produce a safe, reliable food supply in a profitable and environmentally sustainable manner. Covering all seasons, crops, terrains and farm sizes, Trimble solutions can be used on most equipment on the farm, regardless of manufacturer. To enable better decision making, Trimble offers technology integration that allows farmers to collect, share, and manage information across their farm, while providing improved operating efficiencies in the agricultural value chain. Trimble solutions include guidance and steering, agronomy coaching, desktop and cloud-based data management, flow and application control, water management, harvest solutions and correction services. For more information, visit: www.trimble.com/agriculture.

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About CLAAS

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