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## **BUSINESS UPDATE ONLY - NON-MATERIAL INFORMATION**

### **IRD ATTENDS OPENING CEREMONY OF FREE AND SECURE TRADE LANES AT MARIPOSA PORT OF ENTRY (NOGALES ARIZONA)**

**August 30, 2006** – Mr. Norm Lindgren, IRD’s U.S. Strategist and Mr. Joe Madek, IRD’s V.P. U.S. Sales attended the opening ceremony for the “Free and Secure Trade” (FAST) lanes at the Mariposa Port of Entry (POE) held August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Nogales Arizona.

The FAST program is an initiative between the United States and Mexico to improve the economic prosperity of both countries by increasing the efficiency of cross-border traffic and commercial vehicle screening. The Mariposa POE was chosen as the site to implement the project as it is one of the major border crossing points between the United States and Mexico.

The two FAST lanes utilize IRD’s Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) technology and Automatic Vehicle Identification (AVI) systems to rapidly screen trucks entering the POE. The technology improves the safety and security of commercial shipments crossing the border. The new FAST lanes increase the total number of truck lanes equipped with IRD technology entering the Mariposa POE to four.



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The U.S. Federal government intends to improve border security along the U.S.-Mexico border by upgrading POE facilities in California, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. IRD will pursue all opportunities to provide technology to improve the efficiency of these facilities.

Maria Luisa O’Connell, President of the Border Trade Alliance (BTA), an advocacy group promoting trade in North America’s border regions stated, “IRD has implemented a concept the BTA has long advocated as a best practice; improving security and at the same time speeding the flow of commercial goods across borders. With so much attention devoted to security today, it’s instructive to see that technology can be applied to support a strategy that increases the capacity for more secure cross-border commercial traffic.”

Mr. Terry Bergan, IRD President and CEO noted, “We are proud of the ongoing relationship we have with the Arizona Department of Transportation (AZDOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Border Trade Alliance (BTA) on this project and look forward to further expansion and enhancement of this important model system”.

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