



Communications & Power Industries Awarded Contract for French Military Antenna Systems

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 17, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- The Malibu Division of Communications & Power Industries, Inc. (CPI) has been awarded a four-year contract from the French General Delegation for Armaments' (DGA) Centre d'Essais de Lancement de Missiles (CELM) to replace 19 telemetry antenna systems. If all contract options are exercised, CPI expects the total cumulative value of the contract to be approximately \$10 million. CPI, a subsidiary of CPI International, Inc. (Nasdaq: CPII), is a leading provider of microwave, radio frequency, power and control solutions for critical defense, communications, medical, scientific and other applications.

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Under the contract, CPI Malibu Division will design, manufacture, deliver and install 3.1-meter, 4.3-meter and 6.1-meter telemetry antenna systems at CELM's various land-based and shipboard missile and aircraft tracking sites around France. CPI has recently received an initial \$2.6 million order for five antennas to be delivered this calendar year.

CPI Malibu Division is teamed on this project with La Direction des Constructions Navales Services (DCNS), one of Europe's leading companies for naval defense systems. DCNS is responsible for the overall program management, site upgrades, installation, integration and testing of the antenna systems.

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