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**CASTELL AND NEWTON LABS ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP FOR NEXT GENERATION
MACHINE GUARDING**

Customers to benefit from new imaging systems for machine safety

Erlanger, Kentucky and Seattle, Washington (November 5, 2007) – Castell and Newton Research Labs, Inc. have partnered to develop the next generation of machine guarding systems. By incorporating a sophisticated three dimensional imaging technology and redundant system components, the new systems will provide a far more efficient and cost-effective means of protecting personnel and property from than traditional machine guarding methods.

Castell has been a leader in industrial safety solutions since 1922, with a portfolio of unique and reliable products designed to eliminate human error in a wide variety of industries. Newton Research Labs is a manufacturer of machine vision, robotics and optical automation whose products allow the quality, efficiency and cost-effectiveness of computer technology to replace the human element in virtually every industry. Combining time-tested experience and new vision technology, Castell and Newton Labs are working together to finalize a high quality imaging system that is both a budget-friendly and fail-safe solution to machine guarding.

“Castell was founded on what are today considered to be simple mechanical interlocks,” said Castell President Thomas Schlupe. “At the time, however, they were cutting edge technology. Over the years we have continued to stay at the forefront of innovation in the machine guarding and safety industries. Aligning with Newton Labs brings us the latest imaging technology and expertise to continue meeting changing industry demands.”

“We are very pleased to be able to work with such an experienced, successful company as Castell,” said John W. Bramblet, President and CEO of Newton Labs. “This is an opportunity for Castell to answer the demand from its worldwide customer base for this specific solution.”

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About Castell

Since the inception of the industrial safety industry, Castell has been a leader in trapped key interlocking technology, developing products that keep pace with the needs of emerging markets and applications in all business sectors. Their products go beyond meeting legislation to create the safest working environments possible. A member of the global Halma group, Castell has its U.S. offices in Erlanger, Kentucky. For information on the company's full range of products, go to www.castell.com, or call 859-341-3075.

About Newton

Seattle-based Newton Research Labs, Inc. is a privately held manufacturer of machine vision, robotics and optical automation. A spin-off of MIT, the company has for more than 15 years developed and marketed high-performance, computer-driven automation for industrial processes. Newton's products are designed to allow the quality, efficiency and cost effectiveness of computer technology to replace the human element in virtually every industry. Newton Labs has deployed more that 15,000 machine vision, robotic and automation systems worldwide. Additional information about Newton and its products may be found at www.newtonlabs.com.

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