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Maryland Company Expanding Technology in Space with... the CTRL UL101 – NASA Won't Leave Earth Without It!

CTRL Systems, Inc. (Westminster, Maryland) – CTRL Systems is pleased to announce that NASA has decided to expand its use of ultrasonics in space. With the recent success of the **CTRL UL101** (UL101) ultrasonic inspection device on the International Space Station (ISS), NASA has now placed an order with CTRL Systems to put the same technology on all shuttles in the space program. Beginning in the first quarter of 2003, the UL101 will be standard equipment for all shuttle missions.

NASA's decision to place this technology on the shuttles demonstrates its importance for continued mission safety and equipment readiness. It is stated that it costs approximately \$10,000 for each payload pound at launch. Weight and storage space are very critical in the final decision for any item to become part of the shuttle's standard equipment. "The fact that NASA has justified the per launch cost to have the technology of the UL101 on each shuttle mission should be of interest to any ground based business as to how they could benefit as well," explains Bob Roche, CEO of CTRL Systems. CTRL Systems has been helping commercial business with this technology long before they placed the UL101 on the ISS last year.

The UL101 is a non-destructive testing device that utilized the properties of ultrasound to provide a quick and accurate method for testing the condition of systems and components such as bearings, gears, gas lines, pumps, non-pressurized vessels, and more. NASA will use the UL101 initially to inspect and test the integrity of air lines and seals on the shuttle and will work with CTRL Systems to expand the scope of applications. CTRL Systems continues its relationship with NASA and expects further expansion of the technology for use in space and on earth.

CTRL Systems, Inc. is a leading developer and manufacturer of non-destructive, predictive/preventive maintenance technology including ultrasonic inspection devices and maintenance management software. The company provides cost-saving solutions to engineering, operations, safety, quality control, and maintenance departments in several industries - including aerospace, aviation, health, petrochemical, pulp and paper, railroad, automotive, manufacturing, and the military. CTRL's growing reputation among these industries is built on its commitment to quality, and the company's philosophy of developing long-term relationships with its customers in order to better meet their specific needs. CTRL Systems stands firmly dedicated to the advancement of new technologies that promote the effectiveness of reliability and maintenance programs.

More information on CTRL Systems, Inc. can be found at www.ctrlsys.com.