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**SMITHS DETECTION X-RAY CUSTOMERS OFFERED REAL-TIME 24/7 CONTACT WITH
MSA SECURITY CERTIFIED BOMB TECHNICIANS**

Edgewood, Md., 8 May 2013 – Operators of Smiths Detection’s advanced X-ray security scanners will have the option to select real-time access to specialist review and analysis of suspected threat images provided by MSA Security, under an agreement between the two companies.

Smiths Detection’s Hi-Scan X-ray systems will allow customers to use MSA SmartTech™ technology to provide around-the-clock access to certified bomb technicians for image evaluation and operational support. This service option can help them identify suspicious items and also mitigate concerns about making needless building evacuations and business disruption. Initially, this option will be offered for U.S. customers.

Jim Viscardi, Smiths Detection Vice President for US Critical Infrastructure & Emergency Response, said: “The opportunity for Customers to select our X-ray systems with MSA Security’s SmartTech™ technology enables them to add an additional layer to their critical infrastructure security. With just a touch of a button, an X-ray operator can now seek fast professional review of suspect images by MSA Security’s expert staff, improving security as well as reducing the chance of unnecessary evacuations.”

Michael O’Neil, President of MSA Security, said: “This partnership combines best-in-class X-ray systems with real time support and image interpretation from the security industry’s only cadre of bomb technicians to provide faster and more accurate threat analysis.” MSA Security’s SmartTech™ offering is a DHS SAFETY Act certified technology that uses proprietary high speed encrypted image and voice configuration to transmit difficult or suspect images from customers’ X-ray machines to the MSA Emergency Operations Center in New York City.

Smiths Detection has deployed more than 70,000 X-ray systems in 180 countries to help secure air transport, major corporations, banking institutions and high threat locations. SmartTech™ easily integrates into fielded systems within hours and can be operational the same day. As part of the agreement, Smiths Detection and MSA Security are collaborating on future product features that will bring additional services to checkpoint screening operations.

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[Smiths Detection](#) designs and makes advanced solutions to detect and identify threats including explosives, chemical agents, biohazards, nuclear, radiation, narcotics, weapons and contraband. A market leader worldwide in providing layered security technologies, Smiths Detection has major plants in three U.S. states. It partners federal and state government agencies and first responders to strengthen homeland security and safeguard the military. Major customers include the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS). It is part of [Smiths Group](#), a global leader in the practical application of advanced technologies. Smiths Group employs around 23,000 people, including more than 9,000 in the U.S. where it operates around 100 sites in 40 states.

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