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### **Trompeter TripleProF™ Connector Enables CATV Upgrade to Carrier-Class Reliability**

*– Laboratory Test Results Reveal the Corrosion Vulnerability of Legacy Pinless F Connectors in the Residential Portion of the CATV Network –*

**MESA, AZ (February 23, 2007)** --- Trompeter, a leading supplier of interconnect products for video broadcast applications, announced recently completed research results that prove its TripleProF connector, a 3-piece design that delivers “Carrier Class” reliability and superior RF performance, effectively corrects the weakness in current residential cable television infrastructure caused by legacy “pinless” F connectors. This is particularly meaningful in a market where consumers are raising the bar of expectations for superior signal delivery to support bigger and better television viewing, in addition to dependable internet access and other new applications being delivered over the cable network.

Results from a recent study performed by independent laboratory Contech Research show that the bare wire center contact that serves as the conductor pin in the standard legacy F connector is highly vulnerable to corrosion from atmospheric and environmental exposure. This corrosion can degrade performance and reliability over time in transmitting high data rate, high frequency signals for HDTV and high-speed internet services.

The TripleProF eliminates this vulnerability by using a 30-millionths gold plated pin that is crimped to the coax cable center conductor, inserted into the connector body, and fixed in place. The cable is secured to the connector with a hex-crimp sleeve, creating a crimped termination that is completely sealed and able to withstand more than 70 pounds of pull force.

“Cable operators are upgrading their ‘last mile’ infrastructure to correct the data rate mismatch between their network backbone and their customers’ equipment,” said Bill Spink, Connector

Engineering Manager at Trompeter. “The pinless F connector is the last remnant of cable’s transition from a one-way analog to a high data rate, 2-way digital communications network. The good news for everyone is that by upgrading to 3-piece F connectors, the legacy cable network strengthens its ability to satisfy customers and improve their competitiveness in the voice/data/HD video triple play.”

The TripleProF is available for immediate quantity ordering. For more information, call (800-778-4401) or visit [www.trompeter.com](http://www.trompeter.com).

**The TripleProF and information on the research results will be on display at the company’s booth at the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Convention in Las Vegas from April 14-19, 2007, booth C1930.**

### **About Stratos International**

Stratos International includes the Trompeter, Stratos Optical Technologies and Semflex brands. These brands include a unique collective capability in the design and manufacture of copper RF/microwave interconnects and fiberoptic subsystems, components and connectors used by telecom/enterprise, industrial, military/aerospace, and broadcast/video customers worldwide.

Trompeter is a best-in-class producer of RF interconnect products, including RF connectors, cross-connects, patching, cable assemblies and related tools for coaxial, twinax, and triax applications markets worldwide. Trompeter is ISO9001/2000 registered, and also meet the requirements of MIL-I-45208. The company is co-located with Semflex, a sister company, at 5550 E. McDowell Rd., Mesa AZ. For product information and ordering call 800-982-2629 or visit the website at [www.trompeter.com](http://www.trompeter.com).

Stratos International shares trade on the Nasdaq market under the symbol STLW. The company headquarters is located in Chicago, IL. For more information call 800.323.6858 or visit the company website at [www.stratosintl.com](http://www.stratosintl.com).

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