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SCS Announces Product Line Changes

Announcing the PTC-Illusb HF Radio Modem and the the end of production for the PTC-Ilusb, PTC-Ilpro and PTC-Ilex

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- German electronics manufacturer Special Communications Systems (SCS) and North American distributor Farallon Electronics announce the release of the PTC-IIIusb HF radio modem with shipments starting in early May, 2012. The PTC-IIIusb is an updated version of the venerable PTC-IIIusb which was first sold in 2005. The PTC-IIIusb comes standard with a USB interface, Radio Control port, GPS input, Bluetooth option and all units come with Pactor® III mode enabled. The PTC-IIIusb is in a smaller package than its predecessor without sacrificing any features. Retail pricing for the PTC-IIIusb is \$1148.00, \$100.00 less than the PTC-IIIusb it replaces.
- **Discontinued products: PTC-Ilusb, PTC-Ilpro and PTC-Ilex.** Effective immediately, these modems are out of production with a limited supply at the factory and Farallon Electronics. The Ilusb and Ilex are effectively replaced by the PTC-IIIusb, and the Ilpro is replaced by the DR7800 P4 "Dragon" modem released earlier this year. Orders for these discontinued products are still accepted on a first come first served basis.
- **DR7800 P4 "Dragon" modem going strong.** The new flagship in the SCS product line, the Pactor® 4 enabled DR7800 released earlier this year, has been widely accepted by commercial and emergency operators. With data throughputs up to 4x an Iridium or Isatphone satellite link, HF radio data solutions are back in the spotlight.
- About Pactor®... Pactor® is a modulation mode that routinely transmits electronic data over radio links of hundreds to thousands of miles. The ability to reliably send data over a long range ground based infrastructure (as opposed to satellite) makes Pactor® a very attractive communications alternative. Data costs are as low as zero \$.
- **About SCS...** SCS, Hanau Germany, developed the Pactor® modulation mode in the late 80s with a line of DSP based PTC modems that take advantage of the superior properties of the Pactor® I, II, III and P4 modes.
- About Farallon Electronics... Farallon is the North American distributor of SCS products, offering sales and product support for a wide range of applications including Army/Navy MARS, Winlink, Sailmail, Homeland Security (USCG, TSA), numerous state and local agencies, International Red Cross, NGOs, and many Fortune 500 companies for disaster preparedness.