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(San Francisco, CA) May 9, 1992--We are pleased to announce the recent formation of Thorburn Associates (TA), an acoustical and audiovisual consulting firm. The principals have consulted and managed over 450 different projects over the last seven years. It is their goal to provide unique and innovative solutions for Acoustic and Audiovisual projects. TA's projects can be found in the following types of Facilities:

- * Presentation Facilities such as boardrooms and training, conference, and teleconferencing facilities.
- * Places of Worship and Theatres.
- * Single and Multi Family Housing and Hotels.
- * Office Buildings and Research Facilities.
- * Theme Parks and Destination Resorts.

TA provides a full complement of services which allow the client, architect, or end-user a single point of contact during design and construction. These services include:

- * Room Acoustics and Sound Isolation
- * Audiovisual and Sound System Design
- * Mechanical Noise and Vibration Control
- * Environmental Acoustics and Traffic Noise Studies
- * Construction Administration
- * Expert Witness Testimony

Thorburn Associates' experience with the construction process provides the background necessary to make acoustical recommendations that are both innovative and practical.

The audiovisual design packages that TA develops are very complete and typically require minimal clarification during the construction phase. AutoCAD is used to produce most of TA's design documents. Custom computer programs have been developed to improve efficiency and provide quality control for redundant calculations. TA believes that the principals must take an active role, throughout a project, to provide attention to detail and quality assurance.

The following projects, designed and managed by TA principals, have been recognized and received the following awards:

First Place Award for Systems and Facilities Design, 1991
International Communications Industries Association (ICIA)
CSA Audiovisual Presentation Studio

Award for Systems and Facilities, 1990
International Communications Industries Association (ICIA)
City of Fremont Council Chambers Audiovisual Upgrade

Additional projects the principals of TA have been involved in include:

KNOTTS CAMP SNOOPY PHASE II ARCHITECTURAL; Hope Architects & Engineers

PG&E CUSTOMER TECHNOLOGY CENTER; Robinson Mills & Williams

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES - COWELL HALL PORCH; Robinson Mills & Williams

SUN MICROSYSTEMS MTV-6; HED Architects Inc.

KRON NEWS ROOM IMPROVEMENT; KRON

CALIFORNIA STATE SUPREME COURT; Kaplan/McLaughlin/Diaz

LLNL-ADVANCED ISOTOPE SEPARATION LAB; MBT Associates

APPLE ENGINEERING VALLEY GREEN 5 & 6; HED Architects Inc.

ST. FRANCIS YACHT CLUB; Mogens Bach & Associates

UC IRVINE STUDENT CENTER; Kaplan/McLaughlin/Diaz

DOW CORNING TECHNICAL CENTER; MBT Associates

GTE INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS CENTER; A. C. Martin Associates

SPANISH BAY RESORT; Pebble Beach Company

FRANKLIN RESOURCES MEETING FACILITY; Strauss Associates

ADAMS STATE OFFICE BUILDING, LAS VEGAS - A/V SCHEMATIC DESIGN; Lucchesi & Associates

PALO ALTO MEDICAL FOUNDATION; Palo Alto Medical Foundation

LONG & LEVIT MOCK TRIAL ROOM; Long & Levit

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM; All Saint's Church

SHERATON AT BOULDER; Backen Arrigoni & Ross

FREMONT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS; City of Fremont

STANFORD MEDICAL CLASSROOM REMODEL; Stanford University Medical Center

UC IRVINE STUDENT CENTER; Kaplan/McLaughlin/Diaz

GALLO WINERY SOUND SYSTEM; E & S Gallo Winery

One of the principal consultants at Thorburn Associates is Steven J. Thorburn, PE. He is responsible for both acoustical consulting and audiovisual system design. His degrees from Michigan Technological University in theatre design and electrical engineering enable him to coordinate the technical requirements involved in the construction bid process and the practical issues required by end users.

Two of his audiovisual designs have been recognized for their original and creative solutions. In 1990 he received the ICIA Systems and Facilities Award for the City of Fremont Council Chambers Broadcast System, Fremont, California. In 1991 he was awarded first place for ICIA's Systems and Facilities Design for the design of Salter Associates Presentations Studio, San Francisco, California.

He has managed and participated in over 450 projects requiring acoustical and/or audiovisual design services. Additional projects he has managed include: the City of Pleasant Hill Council Chambers, Pleasant Hill, California; Modesto Irrigation District Offices, Modesto, California; and Knott's Berry Farm/Camp Snoopy in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has also been involved with the Walt Disney/MGM

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