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## BAE SYSTEMS ANNOUNCES NEW CERTIFICATION FOR IMAGING SOFTWARE

SAN DIEGO – December 20, 2004 BAE Systems announced that it has been awarded JITC certification for its VITec<sup>®</sup> ELT imaging software for UNIX workstations. This announcement follows a lengthy assessment which was completed on 23 July 2004. JITC Level 7 certification is the highest rating possible given by the Joint Interoperability Test Command, and puts BAE Systems in a position to work with a greater number of other contract firms in the image analysis community. The scope of the assessment included testing the U.S. Government National Imagery Transmission Format (NITF) and National Technical Means (NTM) standards for test processing and measurement accuracy using VITec ELT's Ruler implementation.

“This JITC certification opens the door for more of our customers to work with our systems to complete their work and share files in an environment that's 100% compatible with standard output formats,” said Mike Morgan, Chief Engineer, SOCET GXP<sup>®</sup>. “It also puts us in a category of elite organizations that embrace these certifications for the value they provide to the intelligence community, particularly in today's world where speed is critical and users must be able to take interoperability between products from different suppliers for granted.”

The JITC certification for VITec is the latest addition to BAE Systems' list of world-class certifications, which reflects its continued commitment to providing tools that give customers the ability to optimize productivity and performance. VITec users now have numerous standard features and formats available for more effective image analysis and interpretation, and streamlined production.

The company is also undergoing testing for SOCET GXP, the latest product in its popular precision mapping and image interpretation line, and is expected to receive the official certification by the second quarter of 2005.

For more information about VITec, please visit our website at [www.socetgxp.com](http://www.socetgxp.com).

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BAE Systems has major operations across five continents and customers in some 130 countries. The company employs more than 90,000 people and generates annual sales of more than \$20 billion through its wholly owned and joint-venture operations.

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BAE Systems National Security Solutions is a technology and know-how driven business with approximately 2,700 people located at more than a dozen locations. The company has capabilities that span fundamental research in signal processing and advanced information technologies, software engineering and development, information systems development, systems engineering and integration, enterprise engineering and advanced geospatial technologies. Geospatial eXploitation Products is a line of business within BAE Systems National Security Solutions.

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