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AEgis Technologies Group Breaks Ground On 50,000 Square Foot Modeling, Simulation & Microsystems Technologies Facility



L-R: Evans Quinlivan, John Blue, Robbie Farquhar, Steve Hill and Bill Waite.

AEgis Technologies Group Inc. recently broke ground on the site of its new 50,000 square-foot headquarters facility in Cummings Research Park in Huntsville. AEgis, a leading provider of modeling, simulation and microsystems technologies, currently employs 175 professionals and researchers in Huntsville with plans to grow to 250 by 2010.

"This is a proud day for all of us," said AEgis President and co-founder Bill Waite. "At AEgis, our vision is to lead the world in modeling and simulation."

"AEgis Technologies Group is an internationally recognized leader in providing advanced modeling and simulation capabilities in this community's targeted industry recruitment areas of aerospace and defense, automotive, and biomedical, to name a few," said Chamber Board Chair Evans Quinlivan. "So this is a great occasion to celebrate a company that provides excellent services that support the areas of business that serve as this community's economic foundation. Many of you may not know that Huntsville is becoming known as one of the premier centers for modeling and simulation technology — and that is in great

part thanks to companies like AEgis and to the incredible talent of the people who work here."

"We are committed to innovation, and this new facility is being built to allow us to continue to be innovative and to diversify our customer base and our products and services," said AEgis CEO and co-founder Steve Hill.

AEgis is involved in a range of projects including nanotechnology, directed energy, micro photonics, training simulation development, 3D imagery terrain geospatial services, and systems engineering.

"Our new facility includes a state-of-the-art laboratory that has been designed for nanoscale research and manufacturing," said Hill. "This large 'clean room' is equipped with a still-growing array of state-of-the-art tools for making, testing and characterizing prototype nanoscale devices and materials. Also included in the facility is a simulation development demonstration laboratory with tactical level simulation integration capabilities."

Other features of the building include window offices for the majority of employees and collaboration rooms. •