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Robotic Storage Facility, First of its Kind, Breaks Ground in Fort Lauderdale on May 22 Exciting new technology provides unprecedented security for valuables

FT. LAUDERDALE (June 22, 2008) –When we think of the future, we imagine robots, voice activated technology and biometric recognition playing a role in our everyday lives. The future arrived in South Florida with the groundbreaking on May 22nd of RoboVault (www.robostorage.com), the first high-tech robotic storage facility of its kind in the world. Belongings will be stored in a safe, climate-controlled facility, where individuals' storage units are delivered to them for easy, yet secure access.

Designed to withstand up to Category 5 hurricanes with 200 mph winds, RoboVault is equipped with back-up power generation. Its unprecedented combination of technology includes retinal scanning, heart beat detection, biometric recognition and private access with 24/7 security monitoring.

Its unique combination of extraordinary storage capabilities and high-tech security features distinguishes RoboVault from all previous storage facilities. A fully automated robotic container retrieval system safely stores valuables ranging in size from exotic automobiles to precious artwork and other priceless items. Adjacent rooms offer climate-controlled wine storage and private safe deposit boxes catering to individual requirements.

The highly anticipated facility is strategically located just north of Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport at **the northwest intersection of I-595 and US 1 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida**, at 3340 SE 6th Avenue.

“Self-storage has evolved over the years to reflect the customers' needs and market trends,” said RoboVault developer Marvin Chaney, noting that initially all were one story, had no climate control and relatively lax security. “Self-storage began as a product for residential users and expanded to serve businesses of all sizes and institutional users. The product has continued to accommodate the customers' increased sophistication, with a particular emphasis on security and climate control. This is an exciting time to apply technology in innovative ways.”

Chaney, who began his career as a CPA, has developed self-storage facilities for over 25 years, first in Detroit and then in Florida. In 1986, in response to increasing land costs, he developed the first multi-story self storage facility in the State of Florida.

RoboVault's advanced robotics technology was produced by the German company, Westfalia Systems, Inc. (www.WestfaliaUSA.com) Westfalia's Automated Storage and Retrieval System (AS/RS) technology and *Savanna*.NET® Warehouse Management System will move, manage and control the movement of the units throughout the facility.

More information regarding RoboVault can be found at www.robostorage.com.

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