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**SmartSignal Commemorates Founding and Continued Success—
A Public-Private Partnership Yielding Industry Benefits Worldwide**

*The Global Leader in Predictive Analytics for Equipment Health Celebrates 10th Anniversary of
Serving Power, Oil & Gas, Aviation and Process Industries*

Chicago, Ill., March 20, 2009 — SmartSignal Corporation was founded and secured its first round of venture-capital funding in March 1999. “SmartSignal’s founding and technological advances are a tribute to how private funding and initiative can propel government investment and research into real projects generating millions of dollars of value for industry, while creating new jobs,” says SmartSignal President and CEO James Gagnard.

Since its founding a decade ago, SmartSignal has emerged as the leader in predictive analytics for equipment health, currently holding over 45 patents for solutions delivering operationally relevant data to detect, diagnose, and prioritize equipment and process problems and eliminate costly and potentially catastrophic failures. Today, SmartSignal customers include super major oil producers around the world; power companies responsible for over 350,000 megawatts of power generation; and mining, aviation, and pulp and paper leaders.

The core predictive-analytic technology for monitoring equipment health was developed at Argonne National Laboratory. Subsequently, the University of Chicago founded SmartSignal to commercialize this pioneering technology.

Continued Growth Projected

“SmartSignal is an extraordinarily successful company, consistently exceeding industry growth levels and operating profitably. SmartSignal has saved over a hundred million dollars for customers by providing the intelligence needed to focus maintenance costs, reduce unplanned

downtime, run more efficiently, and increase profitability. This is particularly important during an economic recession, when customers need to account for every dollar spent and maximize equipment lifespan,” says Gagnard. “We project the next decade to bring opportunity for expanded penetration into power generation, oil and gas, and emerging industries integral to alternative ‘green’ energy production.”

SmartSignal will hold a 10th anniversary reception on Friday, March 27th 2009 at its Lisle, IL headquarters. Gagnard and senior executives will host business partners, representatives from the University of Chicago, and honored guest U.S. Representative Judy Biggert. Congresswoman Biggert represents Illinois’ 13th District and serves on the Financial Services, Education and Labor, and Science and Technology Committees in the 111th Congress.

“We’re privileged Rep. Biggert can join us for this special event and cognizant of her shared commitment to advancing technology. SmartSignal’s founding was rooted in Chicagoland. We continue to benefit from the immense talents and support emanating from this region—academia, investors, business partners, legislators, and our dedicated and growing staff of more than 90 professionals,” says Gagnard. “What began with two people and a bright idea has grown exponentially, helping a global network of industries better serve millions of people.”

About SmartSignal

SmartSignal developed predictive analytics for equipment health and is the worldwide leader in the Power Generation, Oil & Gas, and Aviation industries. SmartSignal’s solutions detect, diagnose, and prioritize critical equipment and process problems—well before they occur—and provide earlier and more precise notifications of problems than any other technology. SmartSignal solutions can be employed on all critical equipment and OEMs and in all modes of operation. SmartSignal solutions make industries more profitable by accurately focusing scarce maintenance resources, reducing unplanned outages, and preventing expensive equipment problems and potentially catastrophic failures.

SmartSignal and its customers have won over twenty awards across industries for their excellence in equipment maintenance and predictive analytics. The company has been widely

acclaimed in the national press, including the Wall Street Journal, The Economist, Newsweek, and Investor's Business Daily, and it was recently featured in industrial publications, including POWER, Combined Cycle Journal, Hart's E&P, FUEL, and Hydrocarbon Processing.

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