



## **STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION Announces NextLock Joint Venture With Actuator Systems, LLC**

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MILWAUKEE, April 16, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION (Nasdaq:STRT), announced today that it has created a partnership with Actuator Systems, LLC to design and manufacture next generation biometric security products. The newly formed joint venture known as "NextLock" will combine the scale of STRATTEC's North American engineering, manufacturing, and locksmith customers with Actuator's advanced digital security technologies and non-automotive sales channels.

"NextLock is an exciting initiative in our diversification strategy by growing access technology outside of our traditional automotive markets. Actuator's technology further broadens our product line, enhances our electronics capabilities and may be leveraged for future security products for both our automotive and aftermarket customers," said Frank Krejci, President & CEO of STRATTEC.

Actuator Systems President & CEO Kevin Henderson said "We couldn't be more excited about our joint venture with STRATTEC. The combination of our technology and STRATTEC's exceptional manufacturing expertise will create a new class of advanced security products. NextLock is in an exceptional position to pursue numerous opportunities for new lines of advanced locks and security devices."

Actuator Systems, LLC is a manufacturer of custom designed security products using the latest technologies. Their commercial and residential weatherproof biometric locks are used in every environment, from government installations to commercial office spaces to residential doors all over the world. Actuator Systems products are sold in over 20 countries through a reseller network that includes thousands of locations.

STRATTEC designs, develops, manufactures and markets automotive Access Control Products, including mechanical locks and keys, electronically enhanced locks and keys, steering column and instrument panel ignition lock housings, latches, power sliding side door systems, power lift gate systems, power deck lid systems, door handles and related products. These products are provided to customers in North America, and on a global basis through a unique strategic relationship with WITTE Automotive of Velbert, Germany and ADAC Automotive of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Under this relationship, STRATTEC, WITTE and ADAC market our products to global customers under the "VAST" brand name. STRATTEC's history in the automotive business spans over 100 years.

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