

## MAJOR EXPANSION PLANNED

### Facilities to be Doubled in Size to Meet Growing Customer Demands

GARLAND, Texas - March 24, 2006 - Garrett Metal Detectors has begun construction of a major expansion of its headquarters and manufacturing facilities that will double the size of the company's operations in Garland. Groundbreaking was held Friday (March 24) with Congressman Sam Johnson joining Charles Garrett, founder and president of the company, in the ceremony.



*When the new facilities are completed in late fall, Garrett Metal Detectors will occupy approximately 100,000 square feet in two Garland locations. In addition to its current headquarters and plant at 1881 W. State Street, Garrett also has a secondary manufacturing facility at the company's former headquarters at 2814 National Drive, also in Garland.*

*"This plant expansion is necessary because of the continuing development of our company with demand for both hobby and security products continuing to increase," said Mr. Charles Garrett. "With the newly expanded facilities we will be able to satisfy requirements of our customers more efficiently as well as continue to develop new and more innovative metal detector products."*

*Mr. Garrett stated that construction would include complete refurbishing of headquarters offices at the State Street locations as well as the enlargement of production and warehouse facilities.*

*"New equipment will be added that will significantly increase our manufacturing efficiency, and*

*we will increase the capacity of our shipping and warehouse operations," he stated.*

*Garrett is the world's largest manufacturer of metal detection equipment. Its security detectors are familiar sights in airports, courthouses, office buildings and other facilities over the world. The company's hobby detectors are widely used in the search for coins and other valuables on beaches, in parks and elsewhere.*

*The enlarged facilities there will include a formal conference/training center to meet the steadily growing demands of The Garrett Academy, which offers training in the use of metal detection equipment.*

*"The company's current museum of relics and other objects found with metal detectors will be more than doubled in size," Mr. Garrett noted. "We believe the enlarged area will permit us to display a wider selection of artifacts that demonstrate the abilities of Garrett metal detectors.*



*We hope that these new exhibits will inspire both veteran and novice treasure hunters." Expansion plans call for including in the new company museum the actual workbench where Mr. Garrett created the first Garrett detector in the garage of the family's Garland residence.*

*Garrett manufactures a complete line of detectors designed to locate buried treasure, ranging from simple models for beginning hobbyists to complex instruments used by professional treasure hunters, both on land and under water. These Garrett detectors offer numerous exclusive innovations, including the ability to determine the size of a target before it is uncovered.*

*Since its entrance into the security detector market some 20 years ago, the company has grown to become one of the industry's leaders in this field. Popular Garrett walk-through and hand-held security detectors can be found today in some 100 countries throughout the world. Garrett is the only American manufacturer whose detectors are approved by the Transportation Security Administration for use in U.S. air terminals.*

### About Garrett Metal Detectors

*Garrett Metal Detectors is the global leader in the research, development and manufacture of hobby and security-related metal detection products and accessories. Garrett is International Standards Organization (ISO) 9001:2000 certified. For a complete listing of Garrett Metal Detectors' products and services visit [www.garrett.com](http://www.garrett.com) or contact Mr. Vaughan Garrett at 972.494.6151.*