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LaBARGE AWARDED \$1.2 MILLION CONTRACT FROM RAYTHEON FOR JSOW PROGRAM

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 10, 2011—LaBarge, Inc. (NYSE Amex: LB), a provider of electronics manufacturing services (EMS), has been awarded a \$1.2 million contract from Raytheon Missile Systems to expand the type of complex electronic assemblies it manufactures for the JSOW (Joint Standoff Weapon) system. The Company anticipates follow-on orders.

"This new contract expands LaBarge's role to include printed circuit card assemblies in addition to cable assemblies and wiring harnesses for the JSOW weapon system," said Craig LaBarge, chief executive officer and president. The Company has supported the JSOW program since 2005.

The JSOW system is a family of affordable, air-to-ground weapons that employ global positioning satellite information to guide the weapons to the target. More than 400 JSOWs have been used in combat operations. The weapon's long standoff range of approximately 70 nautical miles allows delivery from well outside the lethal range of most enemy air defenses.

LaBarge, a Raytheon preferred supplier, is performing the new work at its Tulsa, Okla., operation. Production on this contract is expected to continue through December 2011. The Company manufactures cable assemblies and wiring harnesses for the JSOW program at its Joplin, Mo., and Berryville, Ark., operations.

LaBarge, Inc. is a broad-based provider of electronics to technology-driven companies in diverse markets. The Company provides its customers with sophisticated electronic and electromechanical products through contract design and manufacturing services. Headquartered in St. Louis, LaBarge has operations in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin. The Company's Web site may be accessed at http://www.labarge.com.

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