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**Congressman Erik Paulsen Visits Third Wave Systems**

**MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.** (18 February 2009) – Newly-elected state congressman Erik Paulsen (R) stopped in Third Wave Systems’ headquarters today for a discussion of the company’s engineering and technology advancements. During his visit, the congressman visited with TWS administrators and Board members. Paulsen has been vocal with his desire to help small businesses such as Third Wave Systems, which has a staff of 25, as part of a greater effort to keep Minnesota and the United States globally competitive.

“It never used to be a [workforce] competition across markets like this,” Paulsen reflected during a question-and-answer session with the TWS staff. “The best thing we can do is get the economy back on track. We have to refocus our efforts so that folks like Third Wave Systems can survive. When competing against countries like China and India, we’ve got to be on top of our game and on our mark. I want to be as helpful as I can, and it helps me to hear from people and find out how I really can help.”

Last month, Paulsen was elected to the House Financial Services Committee to focus on creating jobs and stimulating economic growth. His visit to Third Wave Systems serves as a promising indicator of future support for the high-tech software and services company, which has experienced consistent growth over the past 10 years, landing on the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal’s* list of the 50 fastest growing private companies in the Twin Cities area in both 2007 and 2008, as well as *Inc.* magazine’s list of the 5000 fastest growing private companies in the United States in 2008.

**About Third Wave Systems, Inc.** Third Wave Systems provides material-based, machining modeling software and services used by Fortune 500 aerospace, automotive, cutting tool, and optics companies to optimize traditional and state-of-the-art high speed machining processes. Headquartered in

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Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, Third Wave Systems also has offices in Detroit, Michigan; East Hartford, Connecticut; and Rotherham, UK. International distributors are located in Europe and Asia.

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