



Gary Burrell, co-founder of Garmin Ltd.

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## Garmin announces passing of Co-founder and Chairman Emeritus Gary Burrell

**Munich, June 14, 2019** – Garmin International, Inc., a unit of Garmin Ltd. (NASDAQ:GRMN), announced that Gary Burrell, aviation pioneer and co-founder of Garmin Ltd., passed away on June 12, 2019, at the age of 81. Mr. Burrell retired in 2002 and continued to serve as Garmin’s co-Chairman until 2004 when he was named Chairman Emeritus.

Mr. Burrell co-founded Garmin with Dr. Min Kao in 1989 with the vision of creating products powered by an emerging technology known as the Global Positioning System, or GPS. Thirty years later, Garmin has grown from a handful of engineers into a global location and communication product

powerhouse with more than 13,000 associates in 60 offices around the world. Of his many accomplishments, Gary was most proud of the jobs he helped create.

"Gary Burrell has been my friend, mentor and partner for more than 30 years," Kao said. "His vision, values, engineering skills and commitment to serving our customers have been the foundation for the growth of our company. It has been both a great privilege and a blessing to have known this amazing man and I know his legacy will live on."

In a career spanning 50 years, Burrell motivated and mentored thousands of employees. Among them was Garmin President and CEO Cliff Pemble, one of Burrell's first hires.

"While Gary will be remembered by many as one of the great entrepreneurs of our age, I will remember the unusual way in which he led our company, something he called servant leadership," Pemble said. "Whether it was about creating the best product or his behavior as a leader, Gary always considered the impact to others before himself. His example not only inspired my contribution to Garmin, it also positively influenced me as a husband and father. I am forever grateful for the rich and enduring legacy of Gary Burrell."

Prior to launching Garmin in 1989, Burrell held leadership positions at marine and aviation electronics companies including Lowrance Electronics, King Radio Corporation and AlliedSignal. He is widely regarded as one of the leading innovators of integrated avionics, having designed and developed the first successful NAV/COMM for the general aviation market.

At Garmin, Gary expanded his vision for integration with the GNS 430/530 product family, which combines GPS technology with traditional aviation navigation and communication systems and a color moving map. Gary went on to conceive the G1000 cockpit system which today is operating in thousands of aircraft around the world from small piston powered airplanes through mid-sized business jets. Burrell earned his bachelor's in electrical engineering at Wichita State University and his master's from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Garmin entwickelt seit 30 Jahren innovative Produkte für Piloten, Segler, Autofahrer, Golfspieler, Läufer, Fahrradfahrer, Bergsteiger, Schwimmer und für viele aktive Menschen. 1989 von den Freunden und Luftfahrtingenieuren Gary Burrell und Min Kao gegründet, hat das Unternehmen seither rund 200 Millionen Produkte verkauft und ist damit globaler Marktführer in den Tätigkeitsbereichen Automotive, Fitness, Outdoor, Marine und Aviation. 13.000 Mitarbeiter arbeiten heute weltweit in 60 Niederlassungen daran, ihre Kunden ganz nach dem Motto #BeatYesterday dabei zu unterstützen gesünder zu leben, sich mehr zu bewegen, wohler zu fühlen, oder Neues zu entdecken. Über 35 Millionen Garmin Connect Nutzer lassen sich davon täglich motivieren und inspirieren. Garmin zeichnet sich durch eine konstante Diversifikation aus, dank derer Fitness & Health Tracker, Smartwatches, Golf- und Laufuhren erfolgreich etabliert werden konnten. Das Unternehmen mit Hauptsitz in Schaffhausen (CH) ist in der DACH-Region mit Standorten in Garching bei München (D), Graz (A) und Neuhausen am Rheinfall (CH) vertreten. In Würzburg (D) wird außerdem ein eigener Forschungs- und Entwicklungsstandort unterhalten. Ein zentrales Erfolgsprinzip ist die vertikale Integration: Die Entwicklung vom Entwurf bis zum verkaufsfertigen Produkt sowie der Vertrieb verbleiben weitestgehend im Unternehmen. So kann Garmin höchste Flexibilität sowie Qualitäts- und Designstandards garantieren und seine Kunden täglich aufs Neue motivieren.

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