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JBL PROFESSIONAL'S NEW C24CT MICROPLUS LOUDSPEAKERS MAKE THEIR MAIDEN VOYAGE ON THE SUPER SHIP "QUEEN MARY II"

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, March 19, 2004 — Demonstrating its ability to design great sounding, aesthetically pleasing loudspeakers for the most demanding and challenging environments, JBL Professional today announced the recent installation of 1400 JBL Professional Control® Contractor C24CT MicroPlus loudspeakers on the brand new super ship, the "Queen Mary II". In January 2004, after two-and-a-half years of construction, Queen Elizabeth of England christened the "Queen Mary II," which is the largest and most expensive passenger ship ever to be put into the water. The 1,400 JBL C24CT MicroPlus loudspeakers aboard the "Queen Mary II" were installed at the world-renowned shipyard of Chantiers de l'Atlantique, in Saint Nazaire, France.

The design specification for the "Queen Mary II" required a speaker with the elegant appearance and the shallow back can of the JBL Professional Control 24CT Micro. The task of designing and supplying the unit was placed with Alan Edwards of Nautilus Entertainment Design and Harbour Marine Service who teamed up with JBL Professional's Northridge design team to build the new unit.

Commenting on the new loudspeaker, Rick Kamlet, Senior Director of Commercial Installed Sound at JBL Professional, explained, "We were delighted to be part of the Queen Mary II project. While JBL Professional offers a very broad lineup of ceiling loudspeakers, we did not have an off-the-shelf model with the exact combination of high output level and shallow depth required for this project, so we developed one. Then we realized that it was a very good value for anyone needing a maximum clarity, high output, shallow depth ceiling speaker, so this model joined our lineup as the C24CT MicroPlus and is now available in our catalog."

Headquartered in Northridge, California, JBL Professional is the world's leading designer, manufacturer, and marketer of professional loudspeakers for recording and broadcast, musician, cinema, touring sound, commercial sound and contracting applications. JBL Professional is part of the Harman International network of professional and consumer audio companies. For complete product and company information, go to the JBL Professional website at www.jblpro.com.

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