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DR. JOHN C. RICH APPOINTED TO INRAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NORTHVALE, N.J., March 20 - INRAD, Inc. (OTC Bulletin Board: INRD) announced today that Dr. John C. Rich has been appointed to its Board of Directors. Dr. Rich received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in Applied Physics and a Ph.D. in Astronomy, all from Harvard University. He served for twenty-two years in the U.S. Air Force, where he made major contributions to the development of high-energy lasers. During this time he served as Commander of the Air Force Avionics Laboratory and of the Air Force Weapons Laboratory with the rank of Colonel. He was with Perkin-Elmer Corporation as Vice President of three different divisions: Electro-Optics Technology, Microlithography, and System Operations from 1983-1989. From 1990 to 1999 Dr. Rich was President of Hughes Danbury Optical Systems, Inc. and President of Raytheon Optical Systems, Inc. Dr. Rich recently joined C&D Technologies, Inc. as Vice President and General Manager, Power Electronics Division in Tucson, AZ.

Dr. Warren Ruderman, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of INRAD commented, "Dr. Rich brings to our Board a wealth of experience in optics, optical engineering, lasers, defense and aerospace systems and general management of technology companies."

INRAD, Inc. develops, manufactures, and supplies products for key Photonics Industry sectors via its three related strategic business segments: Crystals and Crystal Components, Custom Precision Optics, and Photonic Systems. Its customers include leading corporations in the Laser Systems, Semiconductor Inspection, Fiber-Optic Network and Defense spaces, as well as the U.S. Government. Its products are also used extensively by researchers at National Laboratories and Universities.