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TLC is CustomLASIK Ready

Toronto, ON, March 6, 2003 – TLC Vision Corporation (NASDAQ:TLCV; TSX:TLC) announced today that it has completed the installation of wavefront analyzers at its TLC Laser Eye Centers locations throughout the United States. The Company is the first multi-center operator to make this technology widely available throughout its system.

Wavefront analyzers are used to map “aberrations” in the eye. Several types of visual imperfections, referred to as lower- and higher-order aberrations, exist within the eye and can affect both visual acuity and the quality of vision. To date, only lower-order aberrations such as myopia (“nearsightedness”), hyperopia (“farsightedness”) and astigmatism could be measured and treated. But these do not account for all potential vision imperfections. Higher-order aberrations can also have a significant impact on one’s quality of vision and are often linked to visual glare and halos that may cause night vision problems. Higher-order aberrations cannot adequately be corrected with glasses, contact lenses or conventional LASIK treatments.

The wavefront analyzer maps both lower and higher-order aberrations by projecting waves of light into a patient's eye and mapping the waves that bounce back. By comparing the patient's wavefront with a model of perfect vision, doctors are able to create a personalized 3D map of the exact corneal reshaping needed for each patient to address both lower and higher-order aberrations. To create a “customized” LASIK procedure, the map is then electronically transmitted to the laser, enabling the surgeon to address the patient’s unique visual requirements.

The resulting “customized” LASIK procedure improves both visual acuity, which is measured against standard numerical outcomes such as 20/20, and the overall quality of vision, such as increased visual crispness and clarity.

TLCVision opened North America’s first commercial CustomLASIK center in Toronto, Canada in January 2000, and TLCVision doctors have been key contributors to the technology’s development.

Dr. Richard Lindstrom, TLCVision Co-Medical Director and leader in the field of ophthalmology commented, “Today's announcement further demonstrates TLCVision's commitment to helping doctors remain at the clinical forefront of the laser vision correction industry by taking advantage of the Company’s preferred access to the newest clinical technologies.”

About TLCVision

TLCVision Corporation is North America's premier eye surgery company. TLCVision enjoys a number of valuable assets including an affiliated network of more than 12,500 optometrists and 1,000 ophthalmic surgeons, access to some of the newest clinical technologies, proven patient education and marketing programs, state-of-the-art information systems, a strong operations management culture and a number of well established corporate brands. The Company's common shares trade on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol 'TLCV' and on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol 'TLC'. Visit TLCVision's web site at <http://www.tlcv.com>.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which statements can be identified by the use of forward looking terminology, such as "may," "will," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "predict," "plans" or "continue" or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology referring to future events or results. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of numerous factors, including the timing of expenditures, effects of competition, changes to pricing, acquisitions and expansion opportunities, any of which could cause actual results to vary materially from current results of TLCVision's anticipated future results. See the Company's reports filed with the Canadian Securities Regulators and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time for cautionary statements identifying important factors with respect to such forward looking statements, including certain risks and uncertainties, that could cause actual results to differ materially from results referred to in forward looking statements. TLCVision assumes no obligation to update the information contained in this press release.