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BioHawk Enters Military Testing Amid Heavy Foreign Interest

Monroe, Washington- Research International, Inc., a supplier of innovative equipment in the fight against terrorism has been notified that its BioHawk® portable eight channel biohazard detection system has commenced rigorous military testing.

“This news is quite welcome,” noted Elric Saaski, CEO. “We anticipate a positive outcome.”

A positive outcome is also being closely monitored by Japan, Italy, and Denmark – all of whom have expressed strong interest in acquiring the final product.

BioHawk uses a patent-pending fluorometric assay system that can perform high-sensitivity monitoring for biological agents, toxins, explosives, and chemical contaminants. It represents a careful integration of optics, fluidics, electronics, and software into one compact system that will provide laboratory-like results in the hands of minimally trained field personnel.

The analysis process typically takes 10 to 15 minutes and over 30 measurements may be taken before analysis reagents are exhausted, greatly reducing per-test cost. Sophisticated pattern-matching signal recovery methods are used to greatly reduce false positives and negatives. Software allows the user to graphically monitor data recovery while an analysis is running.

Truly portable, rapid and accurate biohazard detection methods are necessary and technologically feasible, when you have a strong development team with multidisciplinary skills, and the R&D funding needed to convert scientific concepts into field-ready hardware.

Senator Maria Cantwell and Representative Jay Inslee have been supportive of funding the emergent technology because of the promise it holds in protecting the public from acts of terrorism.

Mr. Saaski states that, “Through the farsighted efforts of the Marine Corps, our Washington delegation, and the dedicated research team here in Monroe, we stand on the verge of success. I could not be more proud of all involved. What this means is this: (1) better public protection, (2) high technology employment and manufacturing in Snohomish County, and 3) export revenue that helps the balance of trade. That’s a trifecta I’m all for.”

About Research International

Research International is a 16-year old, locally owned, high-technology company specializing in the development and manufacture of sensing systems. It has provided equipment for counter-terrorism applications worldwide for over 10 years. Research International emphasizes total solutions that span biochemistry, optics, electronics, fluid dynamics and physical packaging. The company also provides R&D services in the broad areas of physical and chemical sensing.