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BLACKHAWK REVEALS NIGHT-OPS ***Removing Any Shadow of Doubt***

NORFOLK, VA (November 12, 2004) – BlackHawk® Products Group, world leader in tactical gear, has introduced “Night-Ops™,” a BlackHawk company dedicated to the development, production and marketing of new leading-edge technologies in illumination tools. The first production model for Night-Ops is the Gladius™, a tactical 6-volt, high-intensity LED, multi-mode illumination tool for both handheld or weapons mounted applications.

The Gladius is designed from the ground up to meet the realities of tactical situations and close quarter combat. A unique proprietary flex circuit allows the tail cap switch to intelligently communicate with the power management system located in the front of the flashlight. The rotating tail cap uses a revolutionary non-mechanical enclosed switching design for one-handed operations. The switching is separated into two components; a familiar thumb activated push-button tail cap and the new Gladius patented rotary dial, also thumb activated.

Besides constant on and adjustable modes, adjustable light levels, and a system lock-out, the Gladius employs a powerful strobe mode. The strobe rate is set so that officers deploying it on non-compliant individuals will note that many subjects will exhibit confusion, distraction or disorientation. This feature provides officers with an additional tool to get the situation under control.

Other features of the Gladius include a waterproof design that allows pressure equalization in the tail cap thus prohibiting the light going on under increased water pressure. The Gladius tested successfully for 50 meters of water for over 24 hours.

The lithium battery powered Gladius has an approximate run time of 70 minutes in full power mode and over 400 hours at the lowest setting. The intelligent power system will communicate with the power source providing the operator with low battery indications by presenting a unique flashing pattern every 15 seconds. The system will also drop the light output to a lower, but still useful level to maximize the battery life until the batteries can be replaced.

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Another innovative feature of the Gladius is the automatic temperature control, which regulates the LED power when the Gladius is stored in an equipment bag or pouch unintentionally in the on mode. The LED power is cut by 50% with a 25% light reduction, thus allowing the temperature of the Gladius to gradually reduce. The Gladius also features a UCL (Ultra Clear Lens) glass protecting the LED and reflector. This 3mm thick glass allows over 99% of all visible light to pass through it resulting in a brighter beam with the truest colors.

About BlackHawk Products Group

BlackHawk, founded in 1993 by President and CEO Mike Noell, is recognized as the world leader in supplying tactical equipment to the military and law enforcement markets. Mike was trained as a US Navy SEAL and incorporated that experience and discipline in building a company dedicated to designing equipment for the preservation of life under the worst extremes.

BlackHawk Products Group was formed in 2003 to accelerate the pace of introducing new best-in-class products to the performance oriented tactical market through intensive internal R&D initiatives and selective acquisitions. BPG acquired MOD tactical knives in November of 2003. Delta Design Group was acquired in December of 2003 to strengthen and direct the BPG R&D effort. The recently acquired Jungst Scientific further expands on these capabilities. BlackHawk Products Group will make future announcements about other recent acquisitions and strategic alliances to coincide with their formal product launches.

BlackHawk is headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia with offices in Montana, North Carolina, Nevada, Idaho and Germany. For more information regarding BlackHawk or any of its products, call 800-694-5263, or log on to www.blackhawk.com.

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