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**BlackHawk Products Group Acquires Jungst Scientific**

**NORFOLK, VA (May 1, 2004) - Mike Noell, President and CEO of BlackHawk Products Group, announced today the acquisition of Jungst Scientific, a precision tool making and injection molding facility in Bozeman, Montana.** Jungst has been designing solutions, building tooling and manufacturing a variety of products for the electronics, sporting goods, hunting and medical industries since 1985. Their customers include The North Face, Black Diamond Equipment, Life Link, Patagonia and Wilderness Engineering among others. Jungst Scientific will continue to be operated under the leadership of its President's, Tom Jungst, within BlackHawk Products Group and will continue to operate from its current facilities in Bozeman, Montana.

"Since we announced the formation of BlackHawk Products Group last year we have been strategically focusing resources on building BlackHawk's "Best of Class" R&D capabilities. The Delta Design Group acquisition in January serves as the cornerstone on which we are building our engineering infrastructure along with attracting some of the best and most experienced talent in the industry," stated Noell. "Tom Jungst understands the unique requirements of the extreme sporting market like we understand the tactical marketplace. Together, we understand the complexities of designing mission critical products that our customers bet their lives. We will change how the entire industry starts to look at product development by coupling Tom's experience in design and manufacturing for extreme sports with our battle tested product line. You are going to see a new class of hard core products for the high performance market from BlackHawk, and soon," added Noell.

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Jungst Scientific recently collaborated with Delta Design Group to create BlackHawk's new award winning CQC line of holsters. "The addition of Jungst completes the loop on our ability to drive our own product destiny," stated Clif Cook, Vice President of BlackHawk Products Group R& D and founder of Delta Design Group. "Where most other companies in the industry are downsizing and outsourcing their design, tooling and manufacturing needs, BlackHawk continues to invest heavily in our ability to bring new products to market. By creating an environment that allows engineers to work the way they need to work, BlackHawk is producing a variety of breakthrough technologies in record time," explained Cook.

"I am really looking forward to being a part of the most exciting company in the industry" commented Jungst. "I made my decision to move forward with BlackHawk at the last Shot Show in Las Vegas. When you stood in the BlackHawk booth you could feel the excitement, there was definitely a buzz that no other manufacturer's booth had. When you talked to the team that Mike Noell has assembled, you immediately recognize the depth of experience, the passion for doing the right thing and making things happen. When you talked to BlackHawk's customers, you recognized how important the BlackHawk brand has become in the industry. Right there I decided I wanted to be a part of something bigger; where not only myself, but also my talented team can make a difference," concluded Tom.

As a side note, Tom Jungst has also received a great deal of recognition in the world of extreme sports. Tom's skiing has been featured in no less than 9 Warren Miller films as well as film features by Greg Stump. Tom Jungst and his climbing partner, the late Alex Lowe, were one of the few teams in history to climb The Tempest route on Yosemite's El Capitan. It took 10 days on the wall with its overhangs of 700 feet in about 3500 feet vertical. We are told it is the fastest ascent to date.

For more information about Jungst Scientific go to [Jungst.com](http://Jungst.com)

### **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 on BlackHawk Products Group call 800-694-5263 or logon to [www.blackhawk.com](http://www.blackhawk.com).