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## **NIGHT-OPS, A BLACKHAWK COMPANY, INTRODUCES A NEW PISTOL LIGHT, THE XIPHOS**

NORFOLK, VA (February 3, 2006) Night-Ops, the illumination tool division of BlackHawk Products Group, in partnership with Insight Technology Inc., is introducing the Xiphos (pronounced ZI-fohs, with a long "i" and long "o"), a new pistol light. Continuing the Night-Ops tradition of naming products after the military tools that changed history, the Xiphos was a double-edged, single-hand sword used by the ancient Greeks along with a spear or javelin in battle. It is the forefather of the Roman Gladius sword. The straight, double-edged design of the Xiphos pistol light lends it the same overall martial versatility found in the swords used by infantry until the firearm supplanted the sword on the battlefield.

"BlackHawk is dedicated to marketing superior products and by teaming up with Insight Technology, we have been able to accomplish our goal of expanding the Night-Ops line of illumination tools," Mike Noell, President and CEO of BlackHawk commented.

"We are excited to offer a high-quality pistol light utilizing the latest LED technology to those that go into harms way," Ken Good, President of Strategos International and Night-Ops Brand Manager, added.

Alan Howe, Insight's Director of Commercial Business summed it up, "BlackHawk is a tactical marketing powerhouse; this alliance ensures the success of the Night-Ops Xiphos."

The Xiphos, designed and manufactured by Insight Technology for Night-Ops, is a 6-volt rail-mounted Luxeon® LED pistol light boasting 80 Lumens of blinding white light. The digitally managed circuit optimizes light output for the entire life of the batteries. The Xiphos can be activated and deployed with a single hand or two hands by an ambidextrous toggle or pressure switch. With a run time of over 60 minutes at peak output, the Xiphos continues to produce several hours of "usable" light. The light range is 25 to 30 meters within a -32°C to 45°C operating temperature range. The Xiphos pistol light weighs in at 4 ounces with 2 3-volt 123 Lithium batteries and is constructed predominantly of hard-anodized aerospace-grade aluminum. The measurements are 3.4"L x 1.5" W x 1.4" H.

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BlackHawk Night-Ops Xiphos

**About Insight Technology:**

Insight Technology is the foremost supplier of tactical lasers and illuminators to US Special Forces worldwide.

**About BlackHawk:**

BlackHawk Industries Inc. 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. Since 2003, BPG™ has acquired Masters of Defense™ Knife Company, Delta Design Group, Jungst Scientific, Dynamic Entry®, All Season's Apparel, and Wildfire Warrior. Acquisitions in R&D and manufacturing capabilities resulted in BlackHawk's groundbreaking launch of the CQC™ holster line and SERPA™ technology, an all new HydraStorm® line; and under BlackHawk's newest company's banner Night-Ops, the Gladius illumination tool. In 2006, BHP entered the shooting sports and hunting markets leveraging their success in the law enforcement and military markets.

BlackHawk is headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia U.S.A. For more information on BlackHawk and BlackHawk products, log on to [www.blackhawk.com](http://www.blackhawk.com) or call 800-694-5263.

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