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**MIKE NOELL, CEO OF BLACKHAWK® PRODUCTS GROUP™,
APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE
FOUNDATION**

NORFOLK, VA (March 2, 2006) The Naval Special Warfare Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides educational and motivational support as well as health and welfare programs to the Naval Special Warfare Community, has announced the appointment of Mike Noell, President and CEO of BlackHawk Products Group, to their board of directors. As a former Navy SEAL, Mike Noell, for the past fourteen years, has directed his military experience and knowledge of the requirements of the modern warfighter, to developing and manufacturing the highest quality tactical gear. Recent acquisitions and developments by BlackHawk have broadened their markets into illumination tools with Night-Ops, holsters for the law enforcement and security professionals with CQC SERPA and the new BlackHawk Law Enforcement Duty Gear, Warrior Wear, Dynamic Entry and Wildfire Warrior.

“It is a great honor to be appointed to the board of directors for the Naval Special Warfare Foundation,” Mike Noell commented. “It has been BlackHawk’s mission, since its inception, to safeguard the men and women who go in harm’s way protecting our freedoms. The Naval Special Warfare Foundation’s mission continues to support those individuals and their families who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in the name of freedom. I look forward to working to promote the foundation’s noble cause even further through their programs of education, support, and preservation of an important American heritage.”

The Naval Special Warfare Foundation’s primary focus is on supporting the family and the special community that is Naval Special Warfare. Besides educational and motivational support, the foundation preserves and perpetuates the unique history and heritage of U.S. Naval Commandos. The NSWF provides scholarships for children of Naval Special Warfare personnel as well as providing computers for children of NSW personnel killed in training or combat. For families and widows of personnel killed in combat or training the NSWF supports through financial planning and bereavement programs. Funded solely by tax-deductible contributions from concerned citizens, the Naval Special Warfare Foundation offers several giving opportunities that support the NSW community and their families. For more information on the Naval Special Warfare Foundation or to make a pledge or donation, log onto www.nswfoundation.org.

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, BlackHawk™ has acquired Masters of Defense® Knife Company (MOD), 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 Auto Lock™ technology, an all new HydraStorm® line and MOD's new line of BlackHawk Blades™. BlackHawk created new divisions for new product groups such as Night-Ops™ for illumination tools, Warrior Wear™ for apparel, and BlackHawk Law Enforcement for duty gear. In 2006, BlackHawk entered the shooting sports and hunting markets employing the skills and the knowledge learned from over a decade of successfully supplying 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 or call 800-694-5263.

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