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"SCIENCE FOR SECURITY" TRADE MISSION AND SYMPOSIUM

***20 British Companies to Showcase Security Technologies in
Boston and Washington, D.C.***

New York, NY—September 8, 2006—UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) will showcase British security technologies during a weeklong trade mission to Boston and Washington, DC, October 30-November 3, 2006. The purpose of this collaboration is to foster understanding between US and UK government and industry regarding technological approaches to solving security threats. The UK Home Office and the US Department of Homeland Security have recognized the need for closer collaboration on the development of security technologies, and this mission will build on this understanding by developing and exploring future collaboration on homeland security issues.

The first segment of the mission takes place in Boston on 30 October. Throughout the day, UK Trade & Investment will host a series of round table discussions and workshops on topics ranging from Advances in Technology to Joint Funding Programs. The line-up also includes a Homeland Security round table discussion led by Massachusetts Secretary of Economic Development, Ranch Kimball, and John Lindfield, UKTI East Coast Regional Director, who will explore UK and US priorities in defense, with attendees.

Following Boston, the trade mission then moves on to Washington, where the program's premier event will be the "UK-US Security Technologies Symposium" on

Thursday, November 2, where high-level speakers from the public and private sectors will present current trends and priorities in the following areas:

- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear & Explosive (CBRNE): Detection, Prevention and Treatment
- Critical National Infrastructure Protection: Cyber and Physical
- Computer Forensics and Information Assurance Technologies
- Emergency Response & Consequence Management

Each of the four areas will have panel discussions led and moderated by high level private and public sector officials. A range of topics will be discussed concerning current Homeland Security technology and where it is heading in the future.

The Science for Security mission will allow selected companies to gain a rare insight into the UK/US government-to-government collaboration under the Department of Homeland security (DHS) and the Home Office, Science & Technology Agreement. This compliments the “agreement between the government of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the government of the United States of America on co-operation in science and technology for critical infrastructure protection and other homeland/civil security matters”.

In combating the global threat of terrorism, technology is a vital tool in the prevention and mitigation of risk and attack. The UK and the US are teaming up to ensure that intelligence and technologies are shared across borders to combat the spread of terror and violence.

Twenty UK companies will be showcasing their technologies in the Science For Security mission. In selecting the top twenty companies, UKTI used selection boards made up of industry experts and specialists. Many of the companies chosen are industry leaders; others are new innovators with leading edge products. The mission will allow UK firms to meet with top US government contractors such as SAIC, L-3 Communications and Federal and State officials.

The UK companies participating include:

Smiths Detection, Avecia Vaccines, EvanesCo Ltd., Smart Holograms, Best Scientific, THALES Security Systems, Exocyte, HPA - Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response, Health Protection Agency, Enigma Diagnostics Ltd., Becrypt, Paradigm Secure Communications –

EADS, Rochford Thompson, **First Cyber Security**, BT Plc, Senselect, LogicaCMG, MMI Research, University of Kent – Enterprise, Serco, University of Greenwich, Simentra Ltd, QinetiQ, Detica

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