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Ocelot Aims for World Markets at Eurosatory

Following a contract from the UK MOD for the supply of two vehicles for test purposes, Ocelot, the advanced new light protected patrol vehicle, will be the focus of the Force Protection display at Eurosatory (Stand K441).

An all-new concept, Ocelot has been developed by Force Protection Europe Ltd and Ricardo plc to provide levels of survivability comparable with the Cougar family of vehicles, together with exceptional cross country mobility, flexibility and value for money. Accordingly, Ocelot is equally effective in a range of diverse environments, including mountains, deserts and urban areas.

Ocelot can be maintained and repaired quickly out in the field to ensure maximum availability, while its unique modular design enables the vehicle to be reconfigured in theatre within two hours to meet a variety of different roles, such as patrol, fire support and protected logistics.

Ocelot's capabilities have been proven by a sustained programme of blast, ballistic, automotive and manoeuvrability tests conducted since the summer of 2009. The vehicle is supported by a strong supply chain that includes QinetiQ, Sula Systems and Thales.

Force Protection Europe Ltd's Managing Director, David Hind, said: "Ever since we launched Ocelot at last year's DSEi (Defence Systems & Equipment International) the vehicle has been attracting serious interest from around the world resulting in being down-selected for two key programmes including Australia's Land 121 Phase 4 project. We firmly believe that Ocelot has defined the future for light protected patrol vehicles."

Graeme Rumbol, Ricardo plc global vehicle product group director added: "Ocelot has proven itself through the extensive programme of development testing carried out since the first prototype was unveiled less than a year ago. It is a uniquely adaptable and innovative defence vehicle platform with unparalleled potential across a range of roles. We are

extremely pleased to be working with Force Protection Europe to develop further opportunities for this truly class-leading vehicle on a global basis.”

Eurosatory 2010 takes place at Parc des Expositions, Paris, from June 14 – 18.

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High resolution images and video footage are available

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Background information:

Force Protection Europe Ltd (FPE) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Force Protection Industries, Inc. (FPII) - the world's leading provider of survivability solutions. FPII's Cougar MPRAP vehicles (in service with the British Army as Mastiff, Ridgback and Wolfhound) are acknowledged globally as providing the highest levels of blast protection. FPE has been established to create a UK leader in the provision and sustainment of survivability solutions based on tactical wheeled vehicles. www.forceprotection.net

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