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Blackwater and Heckler & Koch Form Training Program

▣ Ashburn, Virginia & Moyock, North Carolina, (August 21, 2006) Heckler & Koch and Blackwater announced today the formation of a joint training program. Blackwater HK International Training Services will develop and teach high-level firearms, tactical, and armorer's courses that use renowned Heckler & Koch weapons.

Blackwater HK International Training Services will combine the current courses of the Heckler & Koch Training Group of Ashburn, Virginia, with curriculum developed jointly by Heckler & Koch and the Blackwater Training Center, one of the business units of Blackwater and the largest private training facility in the United States.

“Our joining with Blackwater Training brings two international leaders together to provide a full spectrum of services to our customers,” said retired Major General John G. Meyer, Jr., Heckler & Koch Chief Executive Officer. “We will continue to offer training at customers’ locations; additionally, since all courses now will also be available at Blackwater’s state-of-the-art training facilities, our customers will have the opportunity to hone their skills in a first-class learning environment.”

“Heckler & Koch arms are often the weapons of choice for military and law enforcement professionals on the front line in the long war to support security, peace, freedom, and democracy,” said Blackwater’s President Gary Jackson. “Joining with Heckler & Koch links two preeminent companies in a truly **unique and strategic partnership** that will bring training to a new level in this industry.”

Course offerings of Blackwater HK International Training Services include the full spectrum of operator and instructor classes covering HK submachine guns, pistols, and rifles. Armorers’ courses cover current HK weapons and newly developed systems like the HK416 carbine.

As part of the HK and Blackwater relationship, Heckler & Koch accessories, merchandise, and apparel will be sold in the Blackwater “Pro Shop” located at the Moyock, North Carolina training facility. **Special edition HK/Blackwater firearms are being developed.** HK logo products and accessories will also be sold through the Blackwater web site (www.blackwaterusa.com/proshop).

About Blackwater

Founded in 1997 by a former U. S. Navy SEAL, Blackwater was created on the belief that both the military and law enforcement establishments would require additional capacity to train fully our brave men and women in and out of uniform to the standards required to keep the country secure. "The Blackwater family" of business lines includes: Blackwater Training Center (the largest private firearms and tactical training center in the U.S.), Blackwater Security Consulting, Blackwater Canine, Blackwater Armor & Targets, Blackwater Logistics, Blackwater Airships, and Raven Development.

About Heckler & Koch

Heckler & Koch is the world's premier small arms systems company and a major supplier to global military and federal law enforcement agencies. An innovative leader in design and manufacturing, Heckler & Koch provides technologically advanced firearms, logistical support, training and specialized services with the highest standards of innovation and reliability. Heckler & Koch's well-known range of weaponry includes the MP5 submachine gun, the MP7 Personal Defense Weapon, the G36 weapon system, and the HK416 carbine.

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