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Smith & Wesson Fills U.S. Government Contract For Restraints Used By Iraqi Military

Handcuffs And Restraints For Use At Al-Rusafa Prison Complex in Baghdad, Iraq

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (October 5, 2006) – Smith & Wesson Corp., the legendary 154-year old firearms maker, announced today that it has filled a contract with the United States Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) to supply the Company's specialty line of handcuffs, leg irons and belly chains for use at the Al-Rusafa prison complex in Baghdad, Iraq. The contract calls for 15,000 units for shipment to the USJFCOM for distribution to the Iraqi Military.

Leland Nichols, Smith & Wesson's Chief Operating Officer, said, "Throughout our company's history, Smith & Wesson has been one of the premier manufacturers of firearms and restraints for law enforcement and military use. Our handcuffs and restraints are used by law enforcement agencies around the globe and have achieved a reputation for durability and quality. As we continue to execute on our strategy to become a significant supplier of high-quality American made products to the military and to the federal government, we will remain ready to support our troops in every capacity available."

In agreement with the contract, Smith & Wesson has shipped 5,000 each of the company's Model 100 handcuffs, Model 1900 leg irons and Model 1840 chain restraint belts. Each pair of Smith & Wesson restraints has been engineered to meet or surpass the requirements of the National Institute for Justice and all models can be customized to fit agency specifications.

The Smith & Wesson Model 100 handcuffs are fabricated from carbon steel and feature a nickel finish. Heat-treated internal locks and smooth ratchets allow for ease of cuffing and all Smith & Wesson handcuffs come standard with a double locking system to prevent tampering and to provide an extra level of security. The Model 1900 leg irons also feature the double-lock mechanism and are made of carbon steel with a nickel finish. In addition to handcuffs and leg irons, Smith & Wesson also supplied Model 1840 chain restraint belts. The chain restraint belt can be used with any Smith & Wesson handcuff and come in a satin nickel finish.

Smith & Wesson produces 15 different models of handcuffs and restraints, as well as its .22 caliber sporting pistols and the Walther PPK pistols, at the Company's manufacturing facility in Houlton, Maine. Since starting production of handcuffs in Houlton, Maine in 1982, the Smith & Wesson facility has produced over 5,000,000 handcuffs for use by law enforcement agencies and military personnel around the world.

About Smith & Wesson

Smith & Wesson is a global provider of products and services for the safety, security, protection and sport markets. The Company manufactures firearms and handcuffs and is home to America's longest-running firearms training facilities for America's public servants. The Company also markets a variety of products for sport shooters including firearm safety/security devices, shooter protective gear, knives, apparel, and other accessory lines. The Company is based in Springfield, Mass., with manufacturing facilities in Springfield and Houlton, Maine. Contact (800) 331-0852 or log on to www.smith-wesson.com.