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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM SB-2

#### REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# FORCE PROTECTION, INC.

(Name of small business issuer in its charter)

Nevada (State of other jurisdiction of incorporation) 3795
(Primary Standard
Industrial
Classification Code Number)

84-1383888 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

9801 Highway 78, #3 Ladson, South Carolina 29456 (843) 740-7015

(Address and telephone number of principal executive offices)

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(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

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Approximate date of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 check the following box. [X]

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the offering. []

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If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. []

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Proposed maximum Amount to be registered(1)	maximum offering price per security(2)	Amount of aggregate offering price	Registration Fee
Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share	16,974,488	\$1.66	\$28,177,650	\$3,317

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement shall be deemed to cover additional securities that may be offered or issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock Dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c). For the purposes of this table, we have used the average of the closing bid and ask prices of the common stock as traded in the over the counter market and reported on the OTC Electronic Bulletin Board on April 25, 2005.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is declared effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities, and we are not soliciting offers to buy these securities, in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

#### **PROSPECTUS**

#### FORCE PROTCTION, INC.

This prospectus relates to the sale of up to 16,974,488 shares of our common stock by our stockholders. We are not selling any securities in this offering and therefore will not receive any proceeds from this offering. However, we may receive funds from the exercise of warrants held by certain selling stockholders. All costs associated with this registration will be borne by us.

The shares of common stock are being offered for sale by the selling stockholders at prices established on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board or in negotiated transactions during the term of this offering. Our common stock is quoted on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board under the symbol FRPT.OB. On April 22, 2005, the last reported sale price of our common stock was \$1.70 per share.

THIS INVESTMENT INVOLVES A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK.
YOU SHOULD PURCHASE SECURITIES ONLY IF YOU CAN AFFORD A COMPLETE LOSS.
SEE "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE 5.

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Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, THE DATE OF THIS PROSPECTUS IS APRIL 27, 2005

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## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and financial statements including the notes thereto, appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. Because it is a summary, it does not contain all of the information you should consider before making an investment decision.

#### FORCE PROTECTION, INC.

We organized under the laws of the State of Colorado in November 1996 as Boulder Capital Opportunities III. On November 4, 1998, we changed our name to Sonic Jet Performance, Inc. In June 2002, we acquired the shares of Technical Solutions Group, Inc., a development stage manufacturer of ballistic and blast protected vehicles based in Charleston, South Carolina. The vehicles are used to transport personnel in hostile areas that may include landmines, and to locate and remove landmines. In July 2003, we shifted our principal focus to the production of armored vehicles and moved our corporate headquarters to South Carolina. In August 2003, we changed our name to Force Protection, Inc. to reflect our focus on protected vehicles. Effective January 1, 2005, we reincorporated from Colorado to Nevada.

Our principal executive offices are located at 9801 Highway 78, #3, Ladson, South Carolina 29456. Our telephone number is (843) 740-7015.

#### THE OFFERING

On January 21, 2005, we issued 15,800 shares of Series D 6% Convertible Preferred Stock for gross proceeds of \$15.8 million. The Series D Stock may convert at any time, in the holder's discretion, into shares of our common stock. The conversion price is \$2.10 per share, subject to adjustment. Each share of Series D Stock will convert into the number of shares of our common stock equal to \$1,000 divided by the conversion price. Additionally, we pay 6% dividends on the Series D stock in cash or common stock.

In the same private placement, we issued warrants to purchase 5,600,000 shares of our common stock. The exercise price of the warrants is currently \$3.10, and the warrants expire January 19, 2008.

Under the terms of the private placement, we agreed to issue HPC Capital Management warrants to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock per \$1 million raised. Based on the total amount raised of \$15,800,000, we issued warrants to HPC capital for 65,833 shares of our common stock. The amount of shares underlying the warrants was adjusted as a result our reverse stock split on February 4, 2005.

This prospectus is registering the shares of common stock we could issue upon conversion of the Series D stock, payment of dividends on the Series D stock and exercise of the warrants.

#### OUR CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

The following tables outline our capital stock as of April 15, 2005:

Common Stock outstanding:

Before the offering 34,519,095 shares (1) After the offering 51,527,750 shares (1) (2)

(1) Assumes no conversion of options outstanding as of April 15, 2005:

Option Holder	Option Price	# of Shares Underlying
Employee	\$0.84	322,919
Employee	\$2.40	6,250
Employee	\$1.50	647,833
Consultant	\$2.40	47,917

(2) Assumes all shares registered on this prospectus are sold.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale by the selling stockholders of our common stock. We may receive proceeds from the exercise of warrants under some circumstances.

#### SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The selected financial information presented below is derived from and should be read in conjunction with our financial statements, including notes thereto, appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

# SUMMARY OPEARTING INFORMATION: FISCAL YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31,

	2004	2003	2002
Color	¢10.272.757	\$6.247.295	¢ 2.606.624
Sales	\$10,272,757	\$6,247,285	\$ 2,606,634
Net Income/(Loss)	\$(10,245,833)	\$(5,321,623)	\$(5,373,377)
Loss per share. (Diluted Post Reverse)	\$ (.29)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (1.05)
Weighted average number of			
common shares outstanding (Post	35,134,038	15,563,380	5,118,490
Reverse)			

#### SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

#### AT DECEMBER 31,

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	2004	2003	2002	2001
Working Capital	\$ 5,756,794	\$ (360,652)	\$ (872,800)	\$ (313,898)
Total Assets	13,627,196	1,620,114	2,615,451	2,113,779
Total Liabilities Stockholders' equity	10,944,140 2,683,056	1,881,120 (261,006)	1,812,001 803,450	938,864 1,174,915

#### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors, other information included in this prospectus. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected and you may lose some or all of your investment.

#### Risks Related to Our Business

We had losses since our inception and expect losses to continue in the future. We may never become profitable.

We have historically generated substantial losses, which, if continued, could make it difficult to fund our operations or successfully execute our business plan, and could adversely affect our stock price. We experienced net losses of

\$5,321,623 for the year ended December 31, 2003, and \$10,245,833 for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2004. We have generated significant net losses in recent periods, and experienced negative cash flows from operations in the amount of \$4,371,480 for the year ended December 31, 2003, and \$13,392,619 for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2004. In recent years, some of the losses were incurred as a result of investments in new product development, inefficiencies while we built up our operations and marketing costs. While we have increased our investments, most notably \$8 million in inventory, we anticipate that we will continue to generate net losses and we may not be able to achieve or sustain profitability on a quarterly or annual basis in the future. In addition, because large portions of our expenses are fixed, we generally are unable to reduce expenses significantly in the short-term to compensate for any unexpected delay or decrease in anticipated revenues. As a result, we may continue to experience net losses, which will make it difficult to fund our operations and achieve our business plan, and could cause the market price of our common stock to decline.

## We have a limited operating history and may never achieve or sustain profitable operations.

We are an early stage production company. We acquired our subsidiary, Technical Solutions Group, Inc. in July 2002. We have generated limited revenues from our current products of \$6,247,285 and \$10,272,757, in years 2003 and 2004. The mine protected vehicles division provided 100% of the sales, 100% of the cost of goods sold and 100% of the loss in 2003, and 2004. Our ability to successfully commercialize our products will depend on, among other things, successful completion of our ongoing development activities, geo-political events, ability to cost effectively manufacture and distribute our products, and the relative cost to the customer of our system as compared to alternative competitive products. Because we focus on emerging markets, market reaction can be difficult to predict. Many of our planned products incorporate technologies or approaches that have not yet achieved broad market acceptance. In addition, we have a limited history of competing in the intensely competitive defense industry. Our technology may not be successfully commercialized or marketed. As a result, we may never achieve or sustain profitable operations.

# Our independent accountants have issued a Going Concern Opinion and, if we do not generate enough cash from operations to sustain our business, we may have to liquidate assets or curtail our operations.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming we will continue as a going concern. During the year ended December 31, 2003, we incurred a net loss of \$5,321,623. During the year ended December 31, 2004, we incurred a net loss of \$10,245,833. Conditions exist which raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue unless we are able to generate sufficient cash flows to meet our obligations and sustain our operations. The financial statements do not include any adjustment that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

# If we can not access sufficient funds when needed, we may not be able to meet our contractual obligations to deliver our products and our business may fail.

We believe we have sufficient cash resources to last until June 2005, excluding any major changes to our burn rate. If we accept an additional contract, our cash resources will be depleted for the purchase of materials, reducing our cash resources and shortening our cash resources. We will depend on external financing to fund potential future contracts, if any, and our planned expansion in 2005 and 2006. Until we generate cash flow from operations that will be sufficient to satisfy our cash requirements, we will continue to seek alternative means for financing our operations and capital expenditures and/or postpone or eliminate certain investments or expenditures. Potential alternative means for financing may include leasing capital equipment, lines of credit, or obtaining additional debt or equity financing. When needed, additional financing may not be available, or available on acceptable terms. The inability to obtain additional financing or generate sufficient cash from operations could require us to reduce or eliminate expenditures for capital equipment, research and development, production or marketing of our products, or otherwise curtail or discontinue its operations, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Furthermore, if we raise funds through the sale of additional equity securities, the common stock currently outstanding will be further diluted.

# We depend on our suppliers and if we can not obtain certain components for our products, we might have to develop alternative designs that could increase our costs.

We depend upon a number of suppliers for components of our products. There is an inherent risk that certain components of our products will be unavailable for prompt delivery or, in some cases, discontinued. We have only limited control over any third-party manufacturer as to quality controls, timeliness of production, deliveries and various other factors. Should the availability of certain components be compromised, it could force us to develop alternative designs using other components, which could add to the cost of goods sold and compromise delivery commitments. If we are unable to obtain components in a timely manner, at an acceptable cost, or at all, we may need to select new suppliers, redesign or reconstruct process we use to build the hulls and/or the vehicles, which management believes would take a minimum of one-year. We may not be able to manufacture any vehicles for a

period of time, which could materially adversely affect our business, results from operations, and financial condition.

We market our products to a limited customer base and if we do not find acceptance of our products within that customer base, our business may fail.

Our government business depends on a limited number of customers, and if any of these customers terminate or reduce their contracts, or if we cannot obtain additional government contracts in the future, our revenues will decline and our results of operations will decrease. Because most of our consolidated revenues were derived directly or indirectly from government contractors, this risk can significantly affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. In the twelve-months ended December 31, 2004, the majority of our revenues were derived directly or indirectly from two governmental agencies, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Marine Corps.

We expect to continue to be dependent upon contracts with governmental agencies and their contractors for a substantial portion of revenue for the foreseeable future. Because we currently depend on government contracts and subcontracts, we face certain risks, including budget restraints and fixed price contracts. General political and economic conditions, which are difficult to accurately predict, directly and indirectly affect the quantity and allocation of expenditures by government agencies. Even the timing of incremental funding commitments to existing, but partially funded, contracts can be affected by these factors. Therefore, cutbacks or re-allocations in the U.S. or other government budget could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations as long as research and development contracts remain an important element of the business.

Obtaining government contracts may also involve long purchase and payment cycles, competitive bidding, qualification requirements, delays or changes in funding, budgetary constraints, political agendas, extensive specification development, price negotiations and milestone requirements. Each government agency also maintains its own rules and regulations with which we must comply and which can vary significantly among agencies. Governmental agencies also often retain some portion of fees payable upon completion of a project and collection of these fees may be delayed for several months or even years, in some instances. In addition, an increasing number of government contracts are fixed price contracts which may prevent us from recovering costs incurred in excess of its budgeted costs. Fixed price contracts require us to estimate the total project cost based on preliminary projections of the project's requirements.

The financial viability of any given project depends in large part on our ability to estimate such costs accurately and complete the project on a timely basis. In the event actual costs exceed the fixed contractual cost, we may not be able to recover the excess costs. Some government contracts are also subject to termination or renegotiation at the convenience of the government, which could result in a large decline in revenue in any given quarter. Although government contracts have provisions providing for the reimbursement of costs associated with termination, the termination of a material contract at a time when our funded backlog does not permit redeployment of staff could result in reductions of employees. In addition, the timing of payments from government contracts is also subject to significant fluctuation and potential delay, depending on the government agency involved. Any such delay could result in a temporary shortage in working capital.

Some of our product components are manufactured in South Africa or other foreign countries and if they become unstable or changes government regulations our costs may increase or we may become unable to source certain parts.

Some of our product components are manufactured in South Africa and supplied from other foreign countries. If import tariffs or taxes increase for any reason, our cost of goods would increase. Our financial performance may be affected by changes in political, social and economic environment. The role of the central and local governments in the economy is significant. Policies toward economic liberalization, and laws and policies affecting foreign companies, foreign investment, currency exchange rates and other matters could change, resulting in greater restrictions on our ability to do business with suppliers based in other countries. The government could impose surcharges, increase tax rates, or revoke, terminate or suspend operating licenses without compensating us. Also, South Africa and other countries, from time to time, experience instances of civil unrest and hostilities. Confrontations have occurred between the military, insurgent forces, and civilians. If for these or any other reason, we lose our ability to sub-contract or manufacture the components to its products, or the cost of doing business increases, our business, financial condition, and results of operations would be materially and adversely affected.

We may be subject to personal liability claims for our products and if our insurance is not sufficient to cover such claims, our expenses may increase substantially.

We may be subject to personal liability claims and our insurance may not be adequate to cover such claims. As a result, a significant lawsuit could adversely affect our business. We may be exposed to liability for personal injury or

property damage claims relating to the use of the products. Any future claim against us for personal injury or property damage could materially adversely affect the business, financial condition, and results of operations and result in negative publicity. Even if we are not found liable, the costs of defending a lawsuit can be high. We do not currently maintain insurance for this type of liability. Additionally, even if we do purchase insurance, we may experience legal claims outside of our insurance coverage, or in excess of our insurance coverage, or that insurance will not cover.

#### We are subject to substantial competition and we must continue research and development to remain competitive.

We are subject to significant competition that could harm our ability to win business and increase the price pressure on our products. We face strong competition from a wide variety of firms, including large, multinational vehicle, defense and aerospace firms. Most of our competitors have considerably greater financial, marketing and technological resources than we do which may make it difficult to win new contracts and we may not be able to compete successfully. Certain competitors operate fabrication facilities and have longer operating histories and presence in key markets, greater name recognition, larger customer bases and significantly greater financial, sales and marketing, manufacturing, distribution, technical and other resources, as a result, these competitors may be able to adapt more quickly to new or emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements. They may also be able to devote greater resources to the promotion and sale of their products. Moreover, we may not have sufficient resources to undertake the continuing research and development necessary to remain competitive.

Competitors may attempt to independently develop similar designs or duplicate our products or designs. We or our competitors may intentionally or unintentionally infringe upon or misappropriate products or proprietary information. In the future, litigation may be necessary to enforce intellectual property rights or to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others. Any such litigation could be time consuming and costly. Currently we have no patents. Any patent or patents sub-licensed to us relating to current or future products may be challenged, invalidated, or circumvented or the rights granted there-under will may not be held valid if subsequently challenged. Our products are based on technological innovation. Consequently, the life cycles of some of our products can be relatively short. Our success depends significantly on our ability to establish and maintain a competitive position in this field. Our products may not remain competitive in light of technological developments by others. Our competitors may succeed in discovering and developing technology before we do that would render our technology, and hence our products, obsolete and noncompetitive.

#### We must comply with environmental regulations or we may have to pay expensive penalties or clean up costs.

We are subject to federal, state, local and foreign laws, and regulations regarding protection of the environment, including air, water, and soil. Our manufacturing business involves the use, handling, storage, and contracting for recycling or disposal of, hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, including environmentally sensitive materials, such as batteries, solvents, lubricants, degreasing agents, gasoline and resin. We must comply with certain requirements for the use, management, handling, and disposal of these materials. We do not maintain insurance for pollutant cleanup and removal. If we are found responsible for any hazardous contamination, we may have to pay expensive fines or penalties or perform costly clean-up. Even if we are charged, and later found not responsible, for such contamination or clean up, the cost of defending the charges could be high. If we do not comply with government regulations, we may be unable to ship our products or have to pay expensive fines or penalties. We are subject to regulation by county, state and federal governments, governmental agencies, and regulatory authorities from several different countries. If we fail to obtain regulatory approvals or suffer delays in obtaining regulatory approvals, we may not be able to marketing our products and services, and generate product and service revenues. Further, we may not be able to obtain necessary regulatory approvals. Although we do not anticipate problems satisfying any of the regulations involved, we cannot foresee the possibility of new regulations, which could adversely affect our business. Further our products are subject to export limitations and we may be prevented from shipping our products to certain nations or buyers.

# We rely on Proprietary Designs and Rights and if we have to litigate those rights, our expenses could substantially increase.

Our success and ability to compete depend, in part, on the protection of our designs and technology. In addition, our technology could infringe on patents or proprietary rights of others. We have not undertaken or conducted any

comprehensive patent infringement searches or studies. If any third parties hold any conflicting rights, we may be required to stop making, using or selling our products or to obtain licenses from and pay royalties to others. Further, in such event, we may not be able to obtain or maintain any such licenses on acceptable terms, if at all. We may need to engage in future litigation to enforce intellectual property rights or the rights of customers, to protect trade secrets or to determine the validity and scope of proprietary rights of others, including customers. This litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of resources and could materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

Insiders can exert significant control over our policies and affairs and they may assert control in a manner that does not favor minority shareholders.

As of March 31, 2005, our Directors and Executive Officers in the aggregate, beneficially owned shares equal to 40.8% of our outstanding common stock. These shareholders, if acting together, would be able to exert substantial influence over all matters requiring shareholder approval, including amendments to our Articles of Incorporation, fundamental corporate transactions such as mergers, acquisitions, the sale of the company, and other matters involving the direction of our business and affairs. As a result, although you may vote your shares, you will have limited influence on our business and management.

# We depend on management and other key personnel and we may not be able to execute our business plan without their services.

Our success and our business strategy depend in large part on our ability to attract and retain key management and operating personnel. Such individuals are in high demand and are often subject to competing employment offers. We depend to a large extent on the abilities and continued participation of our executive officers and other key employees. We do not presently maintain "key man" insurance on any employees. We believe that, as our activities increase and change in character, additional, experienced personnel will be required to implement our business plan. Competition for such personnel is intense and we may not be able to hire them when required, or have the ability to attract and retain them.

#### Risks Related to Our Stock

#### "Penny Stock" rules may make buying or selling our securities difficult.

Trading in our securities is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission's "penny stock" rules and it is anticipated that trading in our securities will continue to be subject to the penny stock rules for the foreseeable future. The Securities and Exchange Commission has adopted regulations that generally define a penny stock to be any equity security that has a market price of less than \$5.00 per share, subject to certain exceptions. These rules require that any broker-dealer who recommends our securities to persons other than prior customers and accredited investors must, prior to the sale, make a special written suitability determination for the purchaser and receive the purchaser's written agreement to execute the transaction. Unless an exception is available, the regulations require the delivery, prior to any transaction involving a penny stock, of a disclosure schedule explaining the penny stock market and the risks associated with trading in the penny stock market. In addition, broker-dealers must disclose commissions payable to both the broker-dealer and the registered representative and current quotations for the securities they offer. The additional burdens imposed upon broker-dealers by such requirements may discourage broker-dealers from recommending transactions in our securities, which could severely limit the liquidity of our securities and consequently adversely affect the market price for our securities.

# Our securities have been thinly traded on the over-the-counter bulletin board, which may not provide liquidity for our investors.

Our securities are quoted on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board. The Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board is an inter-dealer, over-the-counter market that provides significantly less liquidity than the NASDAQ Stock Market or national or regional exchanges. Securities traded on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board are usually thinly traded, highly volatile, have fewer market makers and are not followed by analysts. The Securities and Exchange Commission's order handling rules, which apply to NASDAQ-listed securities, do not apply to securities quoted on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board. Quotes for stocks included on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board are not listed in newspapers. Therefore, prices for securities traded solely on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board may be difficult to obtain and holders of our securities may be unable to resell their securities at or near their original acquisition price, or at any price.

# Investors must contact a broker-dealer to trade over-the-counter bulletin board securities. As a result, you may not be able to buy or sell our securities at the times that you may wish.

Even though our securities are quoted on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board, the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board may not permit our investors to sell securities when and in the manner that they wish. Because there are no automated systems for negotiating trades on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board, they are conducted via telephone. In times of heavy market volume, the limitations of this process may result in a significant increase in the time it takes to execute investor orders. Therefore, when investors place market orders an order to buy or sell a specific number of shares at

the current market price it is possible for the price of a stock to go up or down significantly during the lapse of time between placing a market order and its execution.

We do not intend to pay dividends in the foreseeable future; therefore, you may never see a return on your investment.

We do not anticipate the payment of cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. We anticipate that any profits from our operations will be devoted to our future operations. Any decision to pay dividends will depend upon our profitability at the time, cash available and other factors. Therefore, you may never see a return on your investment. Investors who anticipate a need for immediate income from their investment should not purchase the company's securities.

## Our stock price is volatile and you may not be able to sell your shares for more than what you paid.

Our stock price has been subject to significant volatility, and you may not be able to sell shares of common stock at or above the price you paid for them. The trading price of our common stock has been subject to wide fluctuations in the past. Since January 2003, our common stock has traded at prices as low as \$0.06 per share and as high as \$0.71 per share, pre-reverse stock split. The market price of the common stock could continue to fluctuate in the future in response to various factors, including, but not limited to: quarterly variations in operating results; our ability to control costs and improve cash flow; announcements of technological innovations or new products by us or our competitors; changes in investor perceptions; and new products or product enhancements by us or our competitors. The stock market in general has continued to experience volatility which may further affect our stock price. As such, you may not be able to resell your shares of common stock at or above the price you paid for them.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

This prospectus relates to shares of our common stock that may be offered and sold from time to time by certain selling stockholders. We will not receive proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock in this offering. However, we could receive proceeds from the exercise of the following warrants under certain circumstances. We can not accurately predict when we will receive revenues pursuant to the warrants because we do not know when the holders will choose to exercise the warrants. It is also possible that the warrants will expire without being exercised. If we receive revenues from exercise of the warrants, we currently intend to use the proceeds for working capital.

#### DETERMINATION OF OFFERING PRICE

The shares of common stock are being offered for sale by the selling stockholders at prices established on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board or in negotiated transactions during the term of this offering. These prices will fluctuate based on the demand for the shares.

#### SELLING SECURITY HOLDERS

Based upon information available to us as of April 15, 2005 the following table sets forth the name of the selling stockholders, the number of shares owned, the number of shares registered by this prospectus and the number and percent of outstanding shares that the selling stockholders will own after the sale of the registered shares, assuming all of the shares are sold. The information provided in the table and discussions below has been obtained from the selling stockholders. The selling stockholders may have sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of, or may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of, at any time or from time to time since the date on which they provided the information regarding the shares beneficially owned, all or a portion of the shares of common stock beneficially owned in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933. As used in this prospectus, "selling stockholder" includes donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interest selling shares received from the named selling stockholder as a gift, pledge, distribution or other non-sale related transfer.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3(d) promulgated by the Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Unless otherwise noted, each person or group identified possesses sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares, subject to community property laws where applicable.

Selling Stockholder	Number of shares beneficially owned before offering	Number of Shares that may be offered pursuant B to this prospectus	Number of Shares eneficially Owned After Offering (1)
Bristol Investment Fund, Ltd. (2)	1,486,895	2,461,387	0
10990 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1410			
Los Angeles, California 90024			
Midsummer Investment, Ltd. (3)	3,232,382	5,350,840	0
485 Madison Avenue, 23rd Floor			
New York, NY 10022			
Palisades Master Fund (4)	2,651,739	4,346,505	0
Harbour House, Waterfront Drive			
Road Town, Tortola,			
British Virgin Islands			_
Crescent International, Ltd. (5)	646,477	1,070,168	0
c/o Greenlight (Switzerland) SA,			
84, Avenue Louis-Casai, CH 1216			
Cointrin, Geneva, Switzerland,			
Satellite Strategic Finance Associates,	320,006	529,733	0
LLC (6)			
623 Fifth Avenue, 20th Floor			
New York, NY 10022			
Satellite Strategic Finance Partners, LTD	649,709	1,075,519	0
(7)			
623 Fifth Avenue, 20th Floor			
New York, NY 10022			
Islandia, LP (8)	1,292,953	2,140,336	0
c/o John Lang, Inc.			
485 Madison Avenue, 23rd Floor			
New York, NY 10022			

- (1) Assumes all shares are sold pursuant to this Prospectus.
- (2) Paul Kessler is manager of Bristol Capital Advisors, LLC, the investment advisor to Bristol Investment Fund, Ltd., and as such has voting and investment control over the securities held by Bristol Investment Fund, Ltd. Mr. Kessler disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by Bristol Investment Fund, Ltd. The number of shares that may be offered pursuant to this prospectus includes 1,095,238 shares issuable upon conversion of shares of Series D 6% Convertible Preferred Stock, 162,353 shares issuable as dividends for three years if we elect to, and are permitted to, pay dividends with shares of common stock, 383,333 shares issuable upon exercise of Warrants and 820,462 additional shares are being registered in order to register 150% of the total registrable securities as required by the Registration rights Agreement.
- (3) Midsummer Capital, LLC is the investment manager to Midsummer Investment Ltd. By virtue of such relationship, Midsummer Capital, LLC may be deemed to have dispositive power over the shares owned by Midsummer Investment Ltd. Midsummer Capital, LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares. Mr. Michel Amsalem and Mr. Scott Kaufman have delegated authority from the members of Midsummer Capital, LLC with

respect to the shares of common stock owned by Midsummer Investment Ltd. Messrs. Amsalem and Kaufman may be deemed to share dispositive power over the shares of our common stock owned by Midsummer Investment Ltd. Messrs. Amsalem and Kaufman disclaim beneficial ownership of such shares of our common stock and neither person has any legal right to maintain such delegated authority. The number of shares that may be offered pursuant to this prospectus includes 2,380,952 shares issuable upon conversion of shares of Series D 6% Convertible Preferred Stock, 352,941 shares issuable as dividends for three years if we elect to, and are permitted to, pay dividends with shares of common stock, 833,333 shares issuable upon exercise of Warrants and 1,783,613 additional shares are being registered in order to register 150% of the total registrable securities as required by the Registration rights Agreement.

- (4) As of April 26, 2005, Mr. David Batista has authority regarding the portfolio management decisions with respect to the shares of common stock owned by the selling security holder. Mr. Batista may be deemed to have dispositive and voting power over the shares of common stock owned by the selling security holder. However, Mr. Batista does not have the right to receive dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such common stock held by the selling shareholder and disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares of such common stock. The number of shares that may be offered pursuant to this prospectus includes 1,904,762 shares issuable upon conversion of shares of Series D 6% Convertible Preferred Stock, 282,353 shares issuable as dividends for three years if we elect to, and are permitted to, pay dividends with shares of common stock, 732,500 shares issuable upon exercise of Warrants and 1,426,891 additional shares are being registered in order to register 150% of the total registrable securities as required by the Registration rights Agreement.
- (5) Mel Craw and Maxi Brezzi, in their capacity as managers of Greenlight (Switzerland) SA, the investment advisor to Crescent International, Ltd., have voting control and investment discretion over the shares owned by Crescent International Ltd. Messrs. Craw and Brezzi disclaim beneficial ownership of such shares. The number of shares that may be offered pursuant to this prospectus includes 476,190 shares issuable upon conversion of shares of Series D 6% Convertible Preferred Stock, 70,558 shares issuable as dividends for three years if we elect to, and are permitted to, pay dividends with shares of common stock, 166,667 shares issuable upon exercise of Warrants and 356,723 additional shares are being registered in order to register 150% of the total registrable securities as required by the Registration rights Agreement.
- (6) As of April 26, 2005, Mr. David Batista has authority regarding the portfolio management decisions with respect to the shares of common stock owned by the selling security holder. Mr. Batista may be deemed to have dispositive and voting power over the shares of common stock owned by the selling security holder. However, Mr. Batista does not have the right to receive dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such common stock held by the selling shareholder and disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares of such common stock. The number of shares that may be offered pursuant to this prospectus includes 235,714 shares issuable upon conversion of shares of Series D 6% Convertible Preferred Stock, 34,941 shares issuable as dividends for three years if we elect to, and are permitted to, pay dividends with shares of common stock, 82,500 shares issuable upon exercise of Warrants and 176,578 additional shares are being registered in order to register 150% of the total registrable securities as required by the Registration rights Agreement.
- (7) As of April 26, 2005, Mr. David Batista has authority regarding the portfolio management decisions with respect to the shares of common stock owned by the selling security holder. Mr. Batista may be deemed to have dispositive and voting power over the shares of common stock owned by the selling security holder. However, Mr. Batista does not have the right to receive dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such common stock held by the selling shareholder and disclaims any beneficial ownership of such shares of such common stock. The number of shares that may be offered pursuant to this prospectus includes 478,571 shares issuable upon conversion of shares of Series D 6% Convertible Preferred Stock, 70,941 shares issuable as dividends for three years if we elect to, and are permitted to, pay dividends with shares of common stock, 167,500 shares issuable upon exercise of Warrants and 358,506 additional shares are being registered in order to register 150% of the total registrable securities as required by the Registration rights Agreement.
- (8) Islandia, L.P. is a Delaware limited partnership formed to purchase, sell, trade and invest in securities. The general partner of Islandia is John Lang, Inc., a New York Sub-S corporation formed to manage investments. The officers of John Lang, Inc. are Richard O. Berner, President; Edgar R. Berner and Thomas R. Berner, Vice-Presidents; and Anthony R. Berner, Secretary, all individually permitted to act on behalf of John Lang, Inc. Islandia is the beneficial owner of all shares. John Lang, Inc. has sole dispositive power and sole voting power over all matters of Islandia. By virtue of this relationship, John Lang, Inc. may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Islandia; however, John Lang, Inc. disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Islandia. The number of shares that may be offered pursuant to

this prospectus includes 952,381 shares issuable upon conversion of shares of Series D 6% Convertible Preferred Stock, 141,177 shares issuable as dividends for three years if we elect to, and are permitted to, pay dividends with shares of common stock, 333,333 shares issuable upon exercise of Warrants and 713,445 additional shares are being registered in order to register 150% of the total registrable securities as required by the Registration rights Agreement.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Each selling stockholder of our common stock and any of their pledgees, assignees and successors-in-interest may, from time to time, sell any or all of their shares of common stock on the trading market or any other stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions. These sales may be at fixed or negotiated prices. A selling stockholder may use any one or more of the following methods when selling shares:

- ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
- privately negotiated transactions;
- settlement of short sales entered into after the date of this prospectus;
- broker-dealers may agree with the Selling Stockholders to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;
- a combination of any such methods of sale;
- through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise; or
- any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The Selling Stockholders may also sell shares under Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, if available, rather than under this prospectus.

Broker-dealers engaged by the selling stockholders may arrange for other brokers-dealers to participate in sales. Broker-dealers may receive commissions or discounts from the selling stockholders or, if any broker-dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of shares, from the purchaser, in amounts to be negotiated, but, except as set forth in a supplement to this Prospectus, in the case of an agency transaction not in excess of a customary brokerage commission in compliance with NASDR Rule 2440; and in the case of a principal transaction a markup or markdown in compliance with NASDR IM-2440.

In connection with the sale of the common stock or interests therein, the selling stockholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the common stock in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling stockholders may also sell shares of the common stock short and deliver these securities to close out their short positions, or loan or pledge the common stock to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The selling stockholders may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of shares offered by this prospectus, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus, as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction.

The selling stockholders and any broker-dealers or agents that are involved in selling the shares may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act in connection with such sales. In such event, any commissions received by such broker-dealers or agents and any profit on the resale of the shares purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act. Each Selling Stockholder has informed us that it does not have any written or oral agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the common stock. In no event shall any broker-dealer receive fees, commissions and markups which, in the aggregate, would exceed eight percent.

We are required to pay certain fees and expenses incurred by us incident to the registration of the shares. We have agreed to indemnify the selling stockholders against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Because selling stockholders may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act, they will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. In addition, any securities covered by this prospectus which qualify for sale pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act may be sold under Rule 144 rather than under this prospectus. Each selling stockholder has advised us that they have not entered into any written or oral agreements, understandings or arrangements with any underwriter or broker-dealer regarding the sale of the resale shares. There is no underwriter or coordinating broker acting in connection with the proposed sale of the resale shares by the selling stockholders.

We agreed to keep this prospectus effective until the earlier of (i) the date on which the shares may be resold by the selling stockholders without registration and without regard to any volume limitations by reason of Rule 144(e) under the Securities Act or any other rule of similar effect or (ii) all of the shares have been sold pursuant to the prospectus or Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any other rule of similar effect. The resale shares will be sold only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws. In addition, in certain states, the resale shares may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

Under applicable rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, any person engaged in the distribution of the resale shares may not simultaneously engage in market making activities with respect to the Common Stock for a period of two business days prior to the commencement of the distribution. In addition, the selling stockholders will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, including Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of the Common Stock by the selling stockholders or any other person. We will make copies of this prospectus available to the selling stockholders and have informed them of the need to deliver a copy of this prospectus to each purchaser at or prior to the time of the sale.

#### **CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our cash and capitalization as of March 31, 2005:

- on an actual basis: and
- as adjustment to reflect the issuance of up to 16,974,488 shares of our common stock upon sale of Common shares.

This table should be read in conjunction with "Selected Financial Data", Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our audited consolidated financial statements and unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements and the noted thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus.

#### As of December 31, 2004

	Actual	As adjusted
Cash and cash equivalents.	2,264,406 	13,564,406
Short Term Loans (1)	360,975	360,975
Long Term Liabilities (2).	4,110,732	110,732
Share holders Equity	2,683,056	13,983,056
Total Capitalization	7,154,763	14,454,763

- 1. Short term debt consists of notes payable to various individuals.
- 2. Long term debt consists of the notes payable to various vendors and individuals.
- 3. Total capitalization is stated by not including cash and cash equivalents.

The above capitalization table presents the impact of the sale of 16,974,488 shares for a cash equivalent of \$15,800,000 gross.

#### DIVIDEND POLICY

We have never declared or paid a cash dividend on our common stock. We currently intend to retain all of our future earnings, if any, for use in our business and therefore we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Any future determination to pay cash dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our financial condition, operating results, capital requirements, restrictions contained in our agreements and other factors which our board of directors deems relevant.

On January 21, 2005 we issued 15,800 shares of Series D 6% Convertible Preferred stock. Dividend payments are semi-annual due March 1 and September 1 and are payable in cash or shares of common stock. On March 4, 2005 we issued 57,186 shares of restricted common stock as a dividend payment to the holders of the Series D Stock.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OR PLAN OF OPERATION

# **Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

This Prospectus contains forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, statements concerning possible or assumed future results of operations and those preceded by, followed by or that include the words "believes," "could," "expects," "intends" "anticipates," or similar expressions. Our actual results could differ materially from these anticipated in the forward-looking statements for many reasons including the risks described in the Risk Factor section and elsewhere in this report. Although we believe the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, they relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made, and our future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements may not meet these expectations. We do not intend to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this document to conform these statements to actual results or to changes in our expectations, except as required by law.

#### **Overview**

During the three and twelve month periods ended December 31, 2004, we continued to ramp up our business and facilities to fulfill our contracts with the U.S. Marines and the U.S. Army valued at an aggregate of approximately twenty million dollars. As of December 31, 2004, we had 182 employees, an increase of 153 employees from December 31, 2003. Additionally, as of December 31, 2004, we had 32 operational production cells to manufacture our products compared to 2 cells at December 31, 2003. During the twelve months of the year ended 2004, we spent \$1,230,290 on Research and Development.

#### Going Concern

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. As shown in the financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2004, we incurred losses of \$10,245,833 but our Current Assets exceed our current liabilities by \$5,756,794. Realization of a major portion of the assets in the accompanying balance sheet is dependent upon our continued operations, obtaining additional financing, and the success of our future operations.

# **Critical Accounting Policies**

The Securities and Exchange Commission issued Financial Reporting release No. 60, "Cautionary Advice Regarding Disclosure About Critical Accounting Policies," or FRR 60, suggesting companies provide additional disclosure and commentary on their most critical accounting policies. In FRR 60, the SEC defined the most critical accounting policies as the ones that are most important to the portrayal of a company's financial condition and operating results, and require management to make its most difficult and subjective judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates of matters that are inherently uncertain. The methods, estimates and judgments we use in applying these most critical accounting policies have a significant impact on the results we report in our financial statements.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

As a general rule, financial information is accounted for and based on cost, not current market value. Revenues and gains should be matched using the accrual method with the expenses giving rise to the revenues and gains to

determine earnings for the period. Expenses are necessarily incurred to produce revenue. Expenses are then "matched" in the same accounting period against the revenue generated. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized in the same period as the related revenue (matching or using a systematic and rational allocation or expensing in the period in which they expire), not necessarily in the period in which the cash is received or expended by the company.

We believe the following critical accounting policies and procedures, among others, affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements:

- Revenue recognition;
- Inventory Cost; and
- Stock based compensation.

We recognize revenue upon formal acceptance of vehicles by customers. We have received progress / performance based payments from the U.S. Army and U.S. Marines. We record these progress / performance based payments as deferred revenue and carry them on the balance sheet as such until shipment acceptance.

In December 2004, FASB issued Statement No. 123 (R), *Share-Based Payment*, which establishes accounting standards for transactions in which an entity receives employee services in exchange for (a) equity instruments of the entity or (b) liabilities that are based on the fair value of the entity's equity instruments or that may be settled by the issuance of equity instruments. Effective in the third quarter of 2005, SFAS 123(R) will require us to recognize the grant-date fair value of stock options and equity based compensation issued to employees in the statement of operations. The statement also requires that such transactions be accounted for using the fair-value-based method, thereby eliminating use of the intrinsic method of accounting in APB No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, which was permitted under Statement 123, as originally issued. To date, we have expensed stock based compensation on the intrinsic method. We currently are evaluating the impact of Statement No. 123 (R) on our financial condition and results of operations.

In November 2004, the FASB issued Statement No. 151, *Inventory Costs*, to amend the guidance in Chapter 4, *Inventory Pricing*, of the FASB Accounting Research Bulletin No. 43, *Restatement and Revision of Accounting Research Bulletins*, which will become effective for us in fiscal year 2006. Statement No. 151 clarifies the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted materials. The Statement requires that those items be recognized as current-period charges. Additionally, Statement No. 151 requires that allocation of fixed production overhead to the costs of conversion be based on normal capacity of the production facility. We are currently following Statement No. 151 and we do not believe that Statement No. 151 will have a significant impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

## Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis compares our results of operations for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 to the same period in 2003. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this report.

Revenues. Revenues for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2004 were \$10,272,757. Revenues for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2004 increased \$4,025,472 compared to the same period in 2003. The increase in revenues during the twelve month period was due to the timing of awarded contracts and the beginning of our ramp up in production. Vendor part delivery schedules hampered further revenues by extending the shipment schedule into 2005. Revenues were derived primarily from the shipment of Buffalos to the U.S. Army and shipments of Cougars to the U.S. Marines. We also earned revenues by shipping spare parts for our products which accounted for \$553,000 of revenue during 2004. Shipments for both the U.S. Army and U.S. Marines' contracts began in October 2004.

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2004 were \$11,266,998. Cost of sales for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2004 compared to the same period in 2003 increased by \$6,824,580. The increase in cost of sales can be attributed to increased revenues, increased freight cost associated with air-freighting steel, and inefficiencies related to the production ramp due to employee training, vendor deliveries, vendor product quality issues and product documentation. We also recognized a \$501,331 provision for loss on our contract with the U.S. Marine Corps because the contract was scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2004.

Cost of sales was 109.7% of sales for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2004 compared to 71.1% for the same period in 2003. Manufacturing costs have increased as a percentage of sales because, in 2004, we had increased freight cost associated with air-freighting steel and inefficiencies related to the production ramp. These inefficiencies were recognized as unproductive labor cost. The timing of the contract awards resulted in an almost 7 month

production ramp with very little revenue recognized during the ramp period yet we were absorbing large amounts of indirect cost which is captured in Cost Of Goods Sold, or COGS. Material scrap and contractual training cost for the Marines accounted for an incremental 4.9% increase to COGS. The inclusion of the provision for the loss on the Marine contract accounts for an incremental 4.4% of COGS. Additionally, manufacturing costs increased substantially as we increased spending in Engineering, Quality Control and Integrated Logistics Support to begin to fulfill two government contracts. Indirect cost accounted for 20.1% of COGS during the year ended December 31, 2004 as compared to 5.6% for the year ended December 31, 2003 reflecting the infrastructure ramp without a complete year of supporting revenue.

Selling, General and Administrative expenses. Selling, General and Administrative expenses for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 were \$9,136,372. As compared to the twelve month period ended December 31, 2003, Selling, General and Administrative and goodwill impairment loss expenses increased \$5,123,286. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2004, excluding Research & Development expenditures of \$1,230,290, Selling, General & Administrative spending was \$7,906,082. During 2004, we incurred and accrued \$934,000 of stock based compensation paid to eight employees and one consultant. Fringe expense increased due to the addition of 153 people since the beginning of the year.

Other Income/Expense. We had interest income of \$818, other income of 568,942, and interest expense of \$684,980 for the twelve months ending December 31, 2004. Interest expense consisted of \$672,937 factoring and loan interest charges and \$10,575 of other bank charges and \$1,468 of penalties. The total of other income and expense was \$(115,220) for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004.

Net Loss. Net Loss for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 was \$10,245,833 an increase of \$4,924,210 as compared to the net loss of \$5,321,624 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2003. The net loss in 2003 included \$2,932,179 from discontinued operations. The increase in net loss is attributed to the third and forth quarter production ramp up inefficiencies experienced to fulfill two government contracts and to build infrastructure for future growth.

## **Backlog**

On April 23, 2004 we announced an award of a contract to deliver up to 27 Cougars, of which 14 were initially funded under the contract, to the U.S. Marine Corps. On March 8, 2005, we announced the follow-on order estimated at more than \$5 million. On May 17, 2004 we announced the award of a contract to deliver 21 Buffalo vehicles to the U.S. Army. Initial deliveries began in October 2004. We have received progress payments during production and expect to receive final payments for each unit shipped within 45 days of acceptance by our customer. During 2004, we announced an additional order for the production of 15 Buffalos to be delivered during 2005. Our sales backlog was \$21,961,000 at December 31, 2004. Additionally, our March 8, 2005 order from the Marines increases our backlog by more than \$5 million. It is possible that orders could be cancelled without notice, and our customer could impose penalties for late deliveries.

#### Trends, Risks and Uncertainties

Overall, the expansion of our operations during 2004 has been part of a growth trend that has carried us from a cramped facility in the old Charleston Navy shipyards with capacity to produce only a single vehicle at a time, to our present manufacturing plant with more than 200,000 square feet of production area and a production capacity of approximately 6-8 vehicles a month. This growth is consistent with our plan to position ourselves as the leading manufacturer in the United States of blast and mine protected vehicles, and we will continue to take appropriate steps to achieve this goal.

During the fourth quarter of 2004 we continued to expand our business operations to meet the increased demand for our products resulting from the 2004 orders placed by the U.S. Army for Buffalos, and the U.S. Marine Corps for Cougars. During fiscal year 2004, we increased our workforce by approximately 435% and increased the number of our production "cells" by 800%. We believe these infra-structure developments will assist in meeting our current obligations and enhance our qualifications to bid on future projects. Our rapid expansion in 2004 created a number of challenges for us and caused us to be slower than our originally anticipated projected delivery schedule for the Buffalos and the Cougars. We recognized a \$501,331 provision for loss on our contract with the U.S. Marine Corps. during the fourth quarter of 2004 because the contract was scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2004. We believe we are overcoming some of the hurdles associated with our initial infrastructure ramp. However, we intend to

continue to increase infrastructure ramp for future growth and recognize that there are on-going risks associated with our continued growth. Additionally, there is always some risk that an unforeseen event could interrupt or negatively impact our production operations. Under our current contract with the U.S. Marines, liquidated damages can be assessed against us for delayed delivery of Cougars. We believe that we will be able to complete our current orders according to a revised delivery schedule.

A major challenge facing us at present is satisfactory completion of our existing orders. This is significant for two reasons; first, it will demonstrate our ability to manufacture vehicles on a "production basis" i.e., multiple vehicle sets built to a consistent specification, and according to a predictable schedule and thus position us for future orders, possibility on a substantially larger scale than we have received to date. Second, as discussed above, in accordance with accepted accounting practice, we have treated progress payments received on our two main contracts as "deferred income", which means that even though we have actually received progress payments totaling \$2,645,716 at year end, the revenue is not stated on our income statement. As a result, our financial results for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2004 show revenues of \$10,272,757 which excludes all deferred revenue, and a resulting loss from operations of \$10,245,833. When we complete and deliver the vehicles, we will be able to move current deferred amounts from the "deferred revenue" category and book it as direct revenue from operations. Booking this revenue may not cause our company to become or remain profitable.

In the past, we encountered some difficulties in securing the necessary components for our vehicles, specifically steel and, from time-to-time, truck chassis. In response, we have identified multiple vendors for certain components so we have alternate sources of supply if necessary. Additionally, we have implemented a program of advance purchasing and stockpiling critical materials. For example, we currently have pre-purchased steel and truck parts to ensure availability of material needed for current and potential future orders. It is also possible that, even if we can continue to source our necessary raw materials and parts, the price we pay will increase substantially, negatively impacting our financial performance.

Apart from the risks mentioned above, the main uncertainty about our future operations is whether we will continue to receive additional orders for our vehicles. It is impossible to predict with certainty whether such future orders will be placed by existing or new customers. If we do not receive future orders, it is unlikely that our business will continue. However, we believe our vehicles provide proven landmine and blast protection, and that for so long as there is a risk of bodily harm to service personnel from such explosive blasts, there will be a market for our products.

#### Liquidity And Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2004, our cash and cash equivalents were \$2,264,406 compared to \$278,777 as of December 31, 2003; \$3,210,136 as of March 31, 2004; \$1,311,687 as of June 30, 2004 and \$548,781 as of September 30, 2004. Our principal sources of capital have been cash flow from operations as it relates to the receipt of performance based payments, warrant exercises, borrowings from G.C. Financial Services and the sale of common stock. To date we have not had any recent borrowings from G.C. Financial Services.

We currently have sufficient cash resources for the next two reporting periods, ending June 2005, excluding any major changes to our burn rate. We intend to seek a short term line of credit or other financing alternatives as necessary which may be required sooner if other large orders are secured. If we accept an additional contract, our cash resources will be depleted for the purchase of materials, reducing our cash resources and shortening our cash resources to cover only a few months. We anticipate that we will require additional capital funding to meet our needs, which will include expanding our workforce, funding further development on our vehicle products and strengthening our internal operations. Based on our current operating plan, we anticipate that additional financing will be required to finance growth in operations and capital expenditures in 2005 and in 2006.

Our currently anticipated levels of revenues and cash flow are subject to many uncertainties. The amount of funds that we will require depends on many factors, including without limitation, the extent and timing of sales of our products, future inventory costs, the timing and costs associated with the establishment and/or expansion, as appropriate, of our manufacturing, development, engineering and customer support capabilities, the timing and cost of our product development and enhancement activities and our operating results. Until we generate cash flow from operations that will be sufficient to satisfy our cash requirements, we will continue to seek alternative means for financing our operations and capital expenditures and/or postpone or eliminate certain investments or expenditures. Potential alternative means for financing may include leasing capital equipment, lines of credit, or obtaining additional debt or equity financing. When needed, additional financing may not be available, or available on acceptable terms. The inability to obtain additional financing or generate sufficient cash from operations could require us to reduce or eliminate expenditures for capital equipment, research and development, production or marketing of our products, or otherwise curtail or discontinue its operations, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Furthermore, if we raise funds through the sale of additional equity securities, the common stock currently outstanding will be further diluted.

#### **Operating Activities**

The cash used by operating activities for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 was \$13,392,619, as compared to \$4,371,480 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2003. We used cash primarily to fund existing operations,

purchase inventory to manufacture our products for the second half of 2004 for the U.S. Marine and U.S. Army contracts and Research and Development for future products. During 2004, increased inventory consumed \$8,082,015 of cash.

## **Investing Activities**

Our capital expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2004 were \$49,955 which consisted primarily of office and manufacturing equipment. Capital expenditures for the three months ended June 30, 2004 were \$186,144 which consisted primarily of expenditures related to the ramp-up of our manufacturing facilities. Capital expenditures for the three months ended September 30, 2004 were \$539,988 which related to the support of additional headcount and the completion of the first phase of the ramp up of our manufacturing facilities. We anticipate that our capital expenditures during 2005 will increase significantly due to increased headcount, and the ramp up of additional manufacturing capacity. Short-term financing or the use of a line of credit might be required.

Our capital expenditures for the twelve months December 31, 2004 were \$822,532 as compared to \$125,008 during 2003, related to investments in office and manufacturing equipment and cell structure. We anticipate that our capital expenditures during 2005 will increase because of costs associated with existing contracts, and potential new opportunities.

#### Financing Activities

We completed the following financing activities during 2004.

On March 23, 2004, we closed on a private offering. This offering, sold to six accredited investors, consisted of the following:

- (a) 15,000,000 shares at \$0.20 per share;
- (b) an "A" Warrant for each share purchased, exercisable at \$0.24 per share. The "A" Warrants expire March 23, 2006; and
- (c) A "Green Shoe" warrant for each share purchased, exercisable at \$0.20 per share for a period of 180 days after the effective date of the registration statement, commencing on the effective date of the registration statement.

We received gross proceeds of \$3,000,000 from this private placement. In addition, during 2004, through the exercise of "A" Warrants, and the "Green Shoe" Warrants, we received additional gross proceeds of \$4,907,288. Total 2004 commission and fees related to this placement totaled \$344,838.

During 2004, we exercised \$3,054,015 of our financing facility originally entered into on September 20, 2003 with Dutchess Private Equities Fund, also referred to as an Equity Line of Credit, for \$3,500,000 under the agreement, a portion of which was advanced under a loan agreement. The balance was exercised in early January 2005 and no further funds are available under the agreement.

During 2004, Technical Solution Group, Inc. entered into an agreement with GC Financial Service, Inc. As of December 31, 2004 TSG had drawn approximately \$10,272,757 gross, all of which has been repaid at December 31, 2004. We renewed our existing receivables agreement with GC Financial Services for financing on July 28, 2004. Receivables can be factored 2%. We also secured a line of credit of up to \$4,000,000 at a base rate of 4.1% per month, the balance of \$4 million was outstanding on December 31, 2004 but was paid in full in January of 2005. We currently we have no remaining line of credit debt.

We intend to raise additional funds in 2005 and 2006. The amount of funds we need will depend upon many factors, including without limitation, the extent and timing of sales of our products, future product costs including the cost of raw materials, the timing and costs associated with the establishment and/or expansion, as appropriate, of our manufacturing, development, engineering and customer support capabilities, the timing and cost of our product development and enhancement activities and our operating results. Until we generate cash flow from operations that will be sufficient to satisfy our cash requirements, we will need to seek alternative means for financing our operations and capital expenditures and/or postpone or eliminate certain expenditures. Potential alternative means for financing may include leasing capital equipment, or obtaining additional debt, factoring receivables or equity financing. Additional financing may not be available, or available on acceptable terms. The inability to obtain additional financing or generate sufficient cash from operations could require us to reduce or eliminate expenditures for capital equipment, research and development, production or marketing of our products, or otherwise curtail or discontinue our operations, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Furthermore, if we raise funds through the sale of additional equity securities, the common stock currently outstanding will be further diluted.

#### **Inflation**

We do not believe that inflation has had or is likely to have any significant impact on our revenues. However, there is currently a shortage of the type of steel we use in our products. We currently have enough steel to manufacture to our existing contracts. We continue to purchase steel anticipating future requirements. If the price of steel increases significantly, the cost of our products could increase. It is unlikely we will be able to pass on this cost under our current contracts. As a result, if the cost of our raw materials increases, our profitability, if any, could decrease.

#### **Subsidiaries**

As of December 31, 2004, we have one wholly-owned subsidiary, Technical Solutions Group, Inc. On January 12, 2005 Technical Solutions Group was renamed Force Protection Industries, Inc.

## **Contractual Obligations**

We lease space in two buildings in Ladson, South Carolina for our principal executive offices and manufacturing facilities. The term of the lease for Building Three is five years starting October 15, 2003. Annual rent is \$215,000 for the first year plus utilities, taxes and maintenance, and \$258,000 base rental for the next four years. We have 84,800 square feet of space in Building Three.

The term of the lease for Building Two is five years starting July 15, 2004, with an option to renew for another five years. Annual rent is \$439,500 for the first year plus utilities, taxes and maintenance, and \$439,500 base rental for the next four years, which may be adjusted by increases to the Consumer Price Factor by three to seven percent. This additional lease of 142,500 square feet gives us a stable base for future planning. The space substantially increases our ability to qualify for and fulfill larger contracts for its mine-protected vehicles. We believe our facilities are adequate for our current operations and that we can obtain additional leased space if needed.

On July 15, 2004 our subsidiary entered into a 60 month option lease of \$952.71 per month with Gregory Poole Lift Systems for a new Caterpillar forklift.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

#### **History**

We organized under the laws of the State of Colorado in November 1996 as Boulder Capital Opportunities III. Effective June 30, 1998, we acquired all assets and assumed all liabilities of Sonic Jet Performance, LLC, a California limited liability company in the business of producing and marketing recreational boats, jet boats, trailers, and related accessories. On November 4, 1998, we changed our name to Sonic Jet Performance, Inc. In 2000 and 2001, we emphasized building recreational boats and generated gross revenues of approximately one million dollars while sustaining operating losses. In 2002, we relocated our corporate headquarters, assembly, and prototyping facility to Stanton, California and shifted focus to design and production of fire and rescue boats.

In June 2002, we acquired the shares of Technical Solutions Group, Inc., a development stage manufacturer of ballistic and blast protected vehicles based in Charleston, South Carolina. Technical Solutions Group was originally formed in 1997 in Nevada to supply specialty vehicles to military and law enforcement agencies worldwide. The vehicles are used to transport personnel in hostile areas that may include landmines, and to locate and remove landmines.

In July 2003, we shifted our principal focus to the production of armored vehicles and moved our corporate headquarters to South Carolina. In August 2003, we changed our name to Force Protection, Inc. to reflect our focus on protected vehicles. In October 2003, we negotiated and finalized an agreement with investors to divest all assets related to our Fire Rescue Boat Business. Effective January 1, 2005, we reincorporated from Colorado to Nevada.

#### **Business Overview**

We are headquartered in Ladson, South Carolina and are a complete design-to-manufacturing organization, creating or licensing designs, and creating tooling, and parts necessary to assemble the products in-house. We manufacture our vehicles using proprietary technology derived from South African vehicle development programs carried out from 1972 through 1994, and incorporate design developments into the vehicles to improve their protection and functionality.

Our common stock is publicly traded on the NASD "Over the Counter Bulletin Board" under the ticker symbol "FRPT.OB."

### How to Contact Us

Our address is 9801 Highway 78, Building No. 2, Ladson, SC 29456. Our phone number is (843) 740-7015.

# **Industry Overview**

Mine Protected Vehicles were initially developed in Rhodesia and South Africa in response to the landmine problems arising from the wars in Southern Africa. The vehicles were designed to protect personnel during transport, removal of unexploded ordnance, route clearance, humanitarian de-mining, and other missions that require protection from landmines and hostile fire. The technology has been developed and used in several parts of the world, principally Africa, over the last 20 years in response to the intense use of landmines in that region. We believe the world market for mine-protected vehicles is growing rapidly. Landmines and Improvised Explosive Devices, or IEDs, are weapons of choice for terrorists and insurgent groups because they are highly effective yet relatively low cost. Rising populations in heavily mined regions and the need to utilize and develop such areas means the problem can no longer be ignored. With increasing world tensions, we believe there is a need for vehicles that can provide a level of protection against these threats during a variety of missions. Such missions include troop transport in and around unexploded ordnance or mine threat areas as well as route clearance and humanitarian de-mining - which require entrance into known mine fields or areas of known terrorist activities.

Mine protected vehicles have been purchased worldwide, principally in Africa, with additional purchases by several NATO allied countries. Troop movements in overseas operations face a continuous threat because of the use of land mines or the possibility of ambush and enemy fire. Vehicles that move troops or ordnance economically and are afforded significant protection against ballistic, incendiary, landmine hazards, and IEDs are useful in these situations. This is a pressing issue for the U.S. and its allies throughout the world. The recent deaths of American and Allied personnel throughout Iraq, Afghanistan, and earlier deaths in Kosovo of American solders while riding in an up-armored M998 High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle, or HMMWV, highlights the need for mine protected vehicles. Personnel transport missions create the greatest portion of demand for Mine Protected Vehicles. Various types of landmine and unexploded ordnance clearance missions also generate demand. Embassies, consulates, and other U.S. government agencies require vehicles to safely transport personnel at low cost. Mine protected vehicles are used around the world in mine problem areas by most military organizations. The current "hot spots" in which the U.S. and other allied countries operate, and the likely areas for the future in the "War on Terrorism", are all heavily mined. Currently we are not aware of technologies available to detect mines effectively enough to avoid them, so mine protected vehicles are valuable for the U.S. to protect its troops.

### **Products**

We currently produce two blast-protected vehicle product lines.

The Buffalo is a heavy weight vehicle designed principally for mine clearing activities. The Buffalo integrates a blast resistant capsule with an American-made truck engine and drive train. We believe that a key aspect of mine protected vehicle design is the dispersion of hot gasses released by a mine blast. The Buffalo is designed so that the force of the blast is routed along the Buffalo's V-shaped hull and dissipated to the side of the vehicle so that the vehicle is not lifted or severely damaged by the blast. We believe it is the absence of this V hull design that makes it virtually impossible to properly protect a standard vehicle by retrofitting armor plates. We believe the design must be undertaken from the beginning with mine protection as the primary design criteria.

More than twenty Buffalos have been deployed since 2001 for service in Afghanistan and Iraq. The U.S. Army conducted extensive testing of the Buffalo at Aberdeen Proving Grounds where it was determined that the Buffalo blast capsule protected both the occupants and the critical automotive components from the effects of explosive blasts. Real world experience in Iraq has also shown the Buffalo can withstand blasts without injury to the occupants. We believe the Buffalo has filled a niche as a part of the U.S. Army's new route clearance systems and has no direct competition for such role.

We launched our second product line, the Cougar, in 2004. The Cougar is intended to serve a broader market than the Buffalo, because it can be configured for a wide range of missions, including urban patrol, route clearance support, utility transport and special unit activities. Like the Buffalo, the Cougar also uses the same V-Hull design principles, an armored steel capsule provides the mine, blast and ballistic protection for the vehicle occupants and the use of standard American automotive drive train and control components allows the vehicle to be operated and serviced in much the same way as a commercial truck. The Cougar is new to market and relatively few have been deployed in active theaters of operations, but we have received inquiries from a variety of military sources. Those inquiries may not develop into product orders. We have submitted a Cougar vehicle for testing at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds and believe that such testing will validate the Cougar's competitive advantage in armor and blast protection.

We are developing a third vehicle, the Lion. The Lion will be the smallest of our vehicles at approximately 7 tons and will be positioned for use by security services or other agencies requiring a high level of protection for personnel transport. The initial Research and Development has been done on the product and we will now focus on producing the first prototype vehicle to validate the design and manufacturing processes.

In 2003, we produced a prototype vehicle called the Typhoon in connection with a Request for Quotation by the Israeli Ministry of Defense. We received no orders for this vehicle and we are not currently manufacturing this product. We no longer market the Typhoon because our other products better meet the market demand for this type of vehicle.

# **Customer Activity**

In 2004, we depended on two principal customers. In the twelve-months ended December 31, 2004, approximately 90% of our revenues were derived directly or indirectly from the U.S. Army and approximately 10% from the U.S. Marine Corps. We expect to continue to depend upon contracts with governmental agencies and their contractors for a substantial portion of our revenue for the foreseeable future.

Government contracts and subcontracts typically involve long purchase and payment cycles, competitive bidding, qualification requirements, delays or changes in funding, extensive specification development, price negotiations and milestone requirements. Each government agency also maintains its own rules and regulations with which we must comply and which can vary significantly among agencies. Governmental agencies also often retain some portion of fees payable upon completion of a project and collection of these fees may be delayed for several months or even years, in some instances.

In addition, an increasing number of government contracts are fixed price contracts which may prevent us from recovering costs incurred in excess of our budgeted costs. Fixed price contracts require us to estimate the total project cost based on preliminary projections of the project's requirements. The financial viability of any given project depends in large part on our ability to estimate such costs accurately and complete the project on a timely basis. In the event actual costs exceed the fixed contractual cost, we may not be able to recover the excess costs.

Some government contracts are also subject to termination or renegotiation at the convenience of the government, which could result in a large decline in revenue in any given quarter. Although government contracts have provisions providing for the reimbursement of costs associated with termination, the termination of a material contract at a time when our funded backlog does not permit redeployment of staff could result in reductions of employees. In addition, the timing of payments from government contracts is also subject to significant fluctuation and potential delay, depending on the government agency involved. Any such delay could result in a temporary shortage in working capital.

The following chart illustrates our product deliveries in the last two calendar years and our current backlog:

<u>Product</u>	Vehicles delivered in 2003	Vehicles delivered in 2004	Vehicle Backlog 2005
Buffalo	10 to the U.S. Army	11 to the U.S. Army	25 to the U.S. Army
Cougar		8 to the U.S. Marines	19 to the U.S. Marines
Competitive Position	<u>iing</u>		

We are subject to significant competition from companies that market products that perform similar functions to our products, This competition could harm our ability to win business and increase the price pressure on our products. The firms we compete against include large, multinational vehicle, defense and aerospace firms such as Alvis, Vickers, Australian Defense Industries, KMW Industries, General Dynamics and Textron. Most of our competitors have considerably greater financial, marketing and technological resources than we do which may make it difficult to win new contracts and we may not be able to compete successfully. Certain competitors operate fabrication facilities and have longer operating histories and presence in key markets, greater name recognition, larger customer bases and significantly greater financial, sales and marketing, manufacturing, distribution, technical and other resources, as a result, these competitors may be able to adapt more quickly to new or emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements. They may also be able to devote greater resources to the promotion and sale of their products.

We believe our competitive advantages include:

- access to American commercial drive train technology and after market support system;
- our current and potential customers wish to purchase from an American company;
- access to low cost, heavy manufacturing facilities; and
- exclusive rights to certain South African blast-protection technology that could take time for our competitors to develop.

We believe our products are superior to other vehicles currently in use by the U.S. military for mine and blast protection. Existing military vehicles include Humvees and other non-armored utility support vehicles, or heavy-weight troop transport and offensive armor such the Bradley Fighting Vehicle or the M1A1 Abrams Tank. The un-armored utility vehicles offer a prime target for attack and efforts to "up-armor" these vehicles have not been totally successful due to the high costs associated with retrofitting armor into the body and the increased mechanical wear caused by the weight of the armor. Conventional armored vehicles such as the Bradley and the Abrams offer

protection from ballistic and blast threats, but are expensive, require substantial resources to maintain, are large and difficult to maneuver in crowded urban environments and are not well-suited to peace keeping missions due to their intimidating offensive weapon systems.

As recent events has shown, there is also an increasing concern over death or injury of U.S. military personnel during operations such as "Enduring Freedom," particularly to reservists and or civilian contractors who are not expected to face front line combat, but who increasingly have become the target of insurgents and terrorists. These concerns have led the U.S. military to adopt armor protection as a base requirements for many of its transport vehicles and to look for ways to defeat the threat of IEDs and other booby trap devices, including developing "route clearance" and other explosive detection and removal teams.

### Production

Our manufacturing process includes direct production and/or assembly of all critical components of our vehicles as follows:

- We utilize proprietary technology and skilled welders to create ballistic and blast protected vehicle capsules which we believe are capable of withstanding the explosive effect of landmines, Improvised Explosive Devices, or IEDs, and other blast threats encountered in war, insurgency and urban conflicts.
- We integrate commercial American-made automotive drive-trains and other components onto the capsules to produce vehicles that have a high level of commonality with the existing U.S. military fleet and can be repaired and maintained by traditional truck mechanics.

Our Ladson facility has sufficient floor space, ample electrical and other utilities and an abundance of existing crane capacity. We have also secured sufficient tools and equipment, and have access to a local pool of labor, including many skilled welders. We maintain a dedicated staff of engineers to provide in-house engineering support and utilize various manufacturing approaches to increase efficiency and product quality. We source steel and other raw materials from various key vendors in Europe and the United States, and secure our automotive components from a variety of U.S. suppliers including:

- Caterpillar;
- Mack Trucks, a member of the Volvo Group;
- · Peterbilt Truck; and
- Allison Transmission.

### Sales and Marketing:

Our employees, including senior management and the Vice President of Sales, conduct our primary sales and marketing efforts. Employees call on prospective customers and foreign agents representing various governments and agencies who could have an interest in our product offerings. Currently our primary sales staff resides in the states of South Carolina and Connecticut. On September 8, 2004 we entered into an agreement with an exclusive sales representative in Israel.

We use independent referral sources who assist us in identifying opportunities for our products and services. Any payments to referral sources are negotiated on a case by case basis and are dependent on various factors including the quality of the referral, the opportunity, the role of the referral sources in the sale, and the potential revenues associated with a specific opportunity. Many of these referral sources have been converted to consulting agreements and the commissions eliminated.

We actively participate in shows involving countermine operations and technology, military vehicle, law enforcement technology, and military force protection. This includes the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Conference and Winter Symposium, Marine Expo, and Tactical Wheeled Vehicle conferences. Additionally, our marketing efforts include our web site, some advertising focused on the military community and brochures.

In December 2004, we ended our non-exclusive agreement with U.S. Marketing Group LLC to develop a commercial U.S. distribution channel for our Lion vehicle. The initial purchase order was cancelled and the \$20,000 deposit was

returned. We no longer have any external domestic marketing programs.

# Research and Development

In 2003 we spent \$102,439 on research and development. None of these costs were borne by any of our customers. In 2004 we spent \$1,230,290 on research and development, none of which was borne by any of our customers.

# **Intellectual Property**

We are party to two long term intellectual property agreements covering technology used in the production of our ballistic and blast protected vehicles. One agreement is with the CSIR Defencetek, a division of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, a statutory council established in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of South Africa, and the other is with MECHAM, a division of Denel Pty Ltd, a company established in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of South Africa. Under these agreements, we pay a fixed royalty in exchange for the exclusive transfer to us of the South African technology used in certain of our products.

## Personnel

As of December 31, 2004, we had 182 employees in the U.S. and 3 consultants located in South Africa and Israel. Employees can be broken down into 125 hourly employees; 44 salaried employees; 11 contractors and 5 consultants. We are not a party to any collective bargaining agreement and believe employee relations are good. As of December 31, 2003, we had 29 employees in the U.S. and 4 consultants located in the United Kingdom and South Africa.

## **Environmental Matters**

We are subject to federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations regarding protection of the environment, including air, water, and soil. Our manufacturing business involves the use, handling, storage, and contracting for recycling or disposal of hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, including environmentally sensitive materials, such as batteries, solvents, lubricants, degreasing agents, gasoline and resin. We must comply with certain requirements for the use, management, handling, and disposal of these materials. We, however, do not maintain insurance for pollutant cleanup and removal. If we are found responsible for any hazardous contamination, any fines or penalties we may be required to pay, or any clean up we are required to perform, could be very costly. Even if we are charged, and later found not responsible, for such contamination or clean up, the cost of defending the charges could be high. If either of the foregoing occurs, our business, results from operations and financial condition could be materially adversely affected. We do not believe we have any material environmental liabilities or that compliance with environmental laws, ordinances, and regulations will, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

# **Other Regulatory Matters**

Our operations and products are subject to extensive government regulation, supervision, and licensing under various federal, state, local and foreign statutes, ordinances and regulations. Certain governmental agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA, monitor our compliance with their regulations, require us to file periodic reports, inspect our facilities and products, and may impose substantial penalties for violations of the regulations.

While we believe that we maintain all requisite licenses and permits and are in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local and foreign regulations, there can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain all requisite licenses and permits. The failure to satisfy those and other regulatory requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

# DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

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#### **MANAGEMENT**

## Directors, Executive Officers, Promoters and Control Persons

The following table sets forth certain information about our directors and executive officers.

Name	Age	Position
Ted McQuinn	56	President, Force Protection Industries
Gordon McGilton	61	Chief Executive Officer, Director
R. Scott Ervin	50	General Counsel, Director
Frank Kavanaugh	44	Chairman of the Board
Gale Aguilar	72	Director
Thomas H. Thebes	49	Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer

# Biographies of executive officers and directors

Ted McQuinn: - President, Force Protection Industries, Inc. Mr. McQuinn joined us in February 2005 as President of the Operating Division. A veteran of heavy-duty vehicle markets for both commercial and military applications, Mr. McQuinn has more than three decades of experience in operations, quality, engineering, and product planning. From 2002, Mr. McQuinn served as V.P. of Quality and Managing Director at Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc. in the Tactical Vehicle Systems Division. From 2000 through 2002, Mr. McQuinn worked as President and Chief Executive Officer of Ryobi Die Casting USA, Inc. Mr. McQuinn also served as Chief Engineer and Program Manager at GM's Allison Transmission Division on the transmissions used in Force Protection's Cougar and Buffalo vehicles. Mr. McQuinn holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree in automotive design engineering from GMI Engineering & Management Institute, now called Kettering University, and an MBA degree, with a specialty in finance and marketing, from Indiana University.

Gordon McGilton: - Director, and Chief Executive Officer for Force Protection, Inc. Mr. McGilton joined us as Chief Quality Officer in January of 2005. Effective April 18, 2005 he was appointed Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors. He has served as a Senior Executive for a multitude of organizations in manufacturing, medical devices, and Education. He has extensive experience in manufacturing, and business management. He is a partner in a technology company, APT Leadership and teaches business process seminars worldwide specializing in the creation of model companies. As a consultant, over the prior 5 years Mr. McGilton advised several companies throughout the U.S. including JD Edwards, United States Navy, and United Healthcare.

R. Scott Ervin: - Director, and General Counsel for Force Protection, Inc. Mr. Ervin acted initially as a director from June through October 2001, and has served on the board continuously since February 2002. He is an attorney, having graduated from Boston College Law School, JD 1984 and is licensed to practice in New York and Texas. From 1991 through 1999 he practiced law with the law offices of Dr. Abdelrahman Abbar, in Jeddah Saudi Arabia. Since 1999 Mr. Ervin has been in private practice in Austin Texas. He is a director of Interlex, Inc., a Texas corporation, and a director of The Behavioral Sciences Foundation, a non-profit scientific research foundation. He also acts as trustee for several private trusts.

Frank Kavanaugh: - Director and Chairman for Force Protection, Inc. Mr. Kavanaugh has worked for the Company since July of 2002 in our fire/rescue business, and in January of 2003 became responsible for strategic and investment relationships. In December of 2003, he was appointed to the board of directors. Over the last eight years, as a principal in Ashford Capital, LLC and its predecessor, he served in several executive positions including operational management roles at NewGen Systems, and several portfolio companies. His education includes: a BS degree in Information & Computer Science from the University of California, Irvine and a MBA from Pepperdine University. He also serves on several community boards and the board of advisors at Chapman University's Leatherby Center.

Gale Aguilar: - Director for Force Protection, Inc. Mr. Aguilar has served as a director since October of 2003. Currently he is the President and a member of the Board of Directors at MITEM Corporation which he joined in 1995. His experience includes SF2 Corp., Stardent Corporation, and Prime Computer as Senior Vice President of Marketing, Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Corporate Development he was a member of the operating committee. In addition, he worked at IBM for 27 years in several positions including Director of Marketing and Service General Products Division, IBM Director of Product Marketing, and Director of Systems Strategy. His experience includes active duty in the Army 1951-53. He participates on several corporate and charitable boards.

Thomas H. Thebes: - Chief Financial Officer for Force Protection, Inc. and V.P. Finance for Force Protection Industries, Inc. Mr. Thebes joined the company in November 2003 as Chief Financial Officer, and V.P. Finance. Prior to joining us, Mr. Thebes served as Program Manager for Flextronics. From 2001 through 2003, Mr. Thebes was a Financial Consultant for ID Technologies and GlaxoSmithKline. From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Thebes was the Controller, Manufacturing and International Operations - Insilco Technologies. Mr. Thebes has over 22 years of operational management and strategic business analysis in both the federal sector and private industry. He has spent over 12 years conducting Activity Based Management studies, business process reengineering, benchmarking and strategic planning for Fortune 100 and Fortune 1000 companies. Mr. Thebes holds an undergraduate degree from Miami University and a MBA from the University of Toledo.

### NUMBER AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

We currently have three directors. Directors are elected according to a staggered election cycle according to Class. There are three classes: Class A to be elected in 2005, for a period of three years, Class B to be elected in 2006 for a period of three years and Class C to be elected in 2007 for a period of three years.

# LIMITATIONS ON OFFICER AND DIRECTOR LIABILITY

Our Articles of Incorporation limit the liability of our directors or our shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director except, for (i) liability based on a breach of the duty of loyalty to us or our shareholders; (ii) liability for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law; (iii) liability based on the payment of an improper dividend or an improper repurchase of our stock under California law, or violations of federal or state securities laws; (iv) liability for transactions from which the director derived an improper personal benefit; or (v) liability for any act or omissions occurring prior to the effective date of the Articles of Incorporation.

Our Bylaws provide that we shall indemnify a person made or threatened to be made a party to a threatened, pending or completed civil, criminal, administrative, arbitration or investigative proceeding by reason of such person's present or former capacity as our director, officer, employee or agent if such person: (a) has not been indemnified by another organization or employee benefit plan for the same judgment, penalty or fine; (b) acted in good faith; (c) received no improper personal benefit and, if a director, had no improper conflict of interest; (d) in the case of a criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful; and (e) reasonably believed that the conduct complained of was in our best interests or was not opposed to our best interests.

Unless prohibited or limited by our Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, we must indemnify our current and former directors, officers and employees who are made or threatened to be made a party to certain proceedings by reason of their present or former official capacity with us, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses (including attorney's fees) incurred in connection with such proceedings. "Proceeding," means a threatened, pending or completed civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, including a derivative action in our name.

Reference is made to the detailed terms of the Colorado statute for a complete statement of such indemnification right.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling us under the foregoing provisions, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act, and is unenforceable for that reason.

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# **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

# **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table presents a summary of the compensation paid to our Chief Executive Officer and our most highly compensated employees during the last three fiscal years.

				Long	g Term Compensat	ion			
	Annual (	Compensa	ation			Award		Payouts	
Name and		Bonus	Othe	er Annual	Restricted	Sec	urities	LTIP	All Other
Position	Salary		Com	pensation	Stock	Und	erlying	Payouts	Compensation
Year	(\$)	(\$)		ard(s)(\$)	Options/SARs(\$)			(\$)	(\$)
Mike Watts	2002	4	1,500	0	0	0	187,500	0	(1) 77,000
Force Protection	2003	180	),500	0	0	0	166,667	0	0
CEO/President	2004	207	,962		360,000	0	1,601,667	0	0
Gale Aguilar	2002		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Director	2003		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2004	(2) 32	2,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garth Barrett	2002	60	0,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
President of	2003	120	0,000	0	100,000	0	946,667	0	0
TSG	2004	133	3,846	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frank Kavanaugh	2002	36	5,817	0	0	0	41,667	0	(3) 36,000
VP of Business	2003	146	5,923	0	0	0	62,500	0	(3) 34,100
Development	2004		,769	0	180,000	0	809,167		0
Murray Hammick									
VP Programs	2004	117	,573	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Aldrich			5,000	0	0	0	0		0
VP Sales	2004	113	3,758	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas Thebes	2003		,916	0	0	0	83,333		0
VP Finance, CFO	2004	112	2,885	0	178,000	0	428,667	0	0

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Watts received \$77,000 as a consultant to the company prior to his employment.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Aguilar received compensation for serving as Interim Chief Executive Officer during 2004.

<sup>(3)</sup> Mr. Kavanaugh received compensation as a consultant and expense reimbursement.

# EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS WITH KEY PERSONS

On February 4, 2005, we named Ted McQuinn as President of our subsidiary, Force Protection Industries, Inc. Mr. McQuinn will receive a base salary of \$180,000 plus an annual stock grant of \$100,000 for 3 years. Sixty days after start of employment, Mr. McQuinn is to be issued a \$20,000 stock grant. Mr. McQuinn will be allowed to participate in a Gain-Sharing Program yet to be adopted.

On January 27, 2005, we entered into an agreement with Gordon McGilton to act as our Chief Quality Officer. Mr. McGilton will receive a base salary of \$180,000 plus an annual bonus of \$180,000 and reimbursement for travel, lodging and other out of pocket expenses incurred during employment. We also agreed to provide Mr. McGilton stock options once we adopt a stock option plan. Effective April 18, 2005 we appointed Chief Executive Officer, and a member of the board of directors.

Effective October 26, 2004, we entered into an agreement with Gale Aguilar to receive cash compensation of \$15,000 per month plus stock grants as the new Interim Chief Executive Officer. Effective January 27, 2005, Mr. Aguilar stopped collecting his compensation.

On August 9, 2004, Mr. R. Scott Ervin was employed as General Counsel receiving an annual salary of \$118,000, relocation expenses of \$15,000, 500,000 shares of common stock, and 4 Series C convertible preferred shares valued at \$108,000 as compensation. On January 27, 2004 Mr. Ervin was appointed by the Board to act as the Interim Chief Executive Officer during our search for a chief executive officer. Upon the appointment of the new Company Chief Executive Officer on April 18, 2005, Mr. Ervin ceased to serve as the Interim Chief Executive Officer but continues to serve as General Counsel and a member of the board of directors.

On September 30, 2004, Tom Thebes was awarded 500,000 shares of common stock and 4 Series C shares of preferred convertible stock and on October 30, 2004, was awarded 1,000,000 shares of common stock valued at \$228,000 as compensation. Mr. Thebes receives a salary of \$115,000.

On December 31, 2004, Frank Kavanaugh was awarded 500,000 shares of common stock, 10 Series C shares of preferred convertible stock valued at \$180,000 as compensation. Mr. Kavanaugh receives a salary of \$180,000, he has resigned as an employee effective May of 2005 but remains on the board of directors as Chairman.

Mike Watts was our Chief Executive Officer through October 26, 2004. As Chief Executive Officer Mr. Watts received an annual salary of \$216,000. On September 30, 2004, Mike Watts was awarded 1,000,000 shares of common stock, 20 Series C shares of preferred convertible stock valued at \$360,000 as compensation. Mr. Watts receives compensation through October of 2005 pursuant to a consulting agreement of \$18,000 per month.

Mike Aldrich receives a base salary of \$96,000 plus commissions under an at will agreement.

Murray Hammick receives a salary of \$115,000 under an at will agreement.

# **DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

We currently reimburse Directors for travel expense associated with their work for the company and have agreed to establish a compensation plan to be submitted for approval by shareholders at our annual meeting in 2005. Until a plan is established Directors will not be compensated.

Mr. R. Scott Ervin was awarded 600,000 shares during 2002 and 2003 for services as director, and was granted 350,000 shares for legal services rendered before employment during 2004. At the time of the grant, Mr. Ervin was an outside director.

# RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As part of the purchase of Technical Solutions Group, Inc., in July 2002, Ashford Capital, LLC, an advisor to the transaction and our shareholder received shares equal to 10% of the equity ownership. An agreement was reached in April of 2003 under which Ashford Capital, LLC could exchange its equity ownership for 50 shares of our Series C preferred shares by notifying us by October 15, 2003. In 2004, Ashford Capital transferred its rights under the agreement to our Chief Executive Officer at that time, Mike Watts. In October of 2004, Mr. Watts exchanged his ownership for 50 shares of Series C preferred. As a result, we own 100% of Technical Solutions Group, Inc.

During 2003, Texbuild, a company owned by R. Scott Ervin, loaned us \$50,000. This note was repaid in January 2004 and we issued one share of Series C Preferred stock to Mr. Ervin as interest according to the terms of the Loan agreement.

In October of 2003, in connection with the restructuring of the company, Madhava Rao Mankal resigned as Chief Executive Officer. He received a grant of 800,000 restricted shares of stock. In addition, on December 31, 2003, Mr.

Mankal was paid 90 days termination based on his annual rate of salary of \$64,800.

Ashford Capital, LLC received consulting fees of \$44,700 in 2002, and \$10,000 in 2003. During this period, Ashford Capital owned over 10% of the outstanding equity. Frank Kavanaugh is a principal of Ashford Capital, LLC.

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#### MARKET FOR OUR COMMON STOCK

Our common stock began trading on the OTC Bulletin Board on December 29, 1998 under the symbol "SJET.OB". Our common stock currently trades on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol "FRPT.OB". Before our listing on the OTC Bulletin Board none of our securities were traded in the public market. Bid and ask quotations for our common shares are routinely submitted by registered broker dealers who are members of the National Association of Securities Dealers on the NASD Over-the-Counter Electronic Bulletin Board. These quotations reflect inner-dealer prices, without retail mark-up, markdown or commission and may not represent actual transactions. The following table shows, for the periods indicated, the high and low closing sales prices per share of our common stock.

	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>High</u>	Low
2002				
First Quarter	\$0.22	\$0.08		
Second Quarter	\$0.42	\$0.06		
Third Quarter	\$0.29	\$0.07		
Fourth Quarter	\$0.25	\$0.10		
2003				
First Quarter	\$0.27	\$0.10		
Second Quarter	\$0.21	\$0.12		
Third Quarter	\$0.13	\$0.07		
Fourth Quarter	\$0.11	\$0.07		
2004	Pre reverse split		Restated for a	reverse split*
First Quarter	\$0.71	\$0.07	\$8.52	\$0.84
Second Quarter	\$0.43	\$0.13	\$5.16	\$1.56
Third Quarter	\$0.25	\$0.13	\$3.00	\$1.56
Fourth Quarter	\$0.40	\$0.14	\$4.80	\$1.68

<sup>\*</sup> Effective February 4, 2005, we had a reverse split of our common stock in the ratio of 12:1.

### **Shareholders**

As of December 31, 2004, there were 370 shareholders of record of our common stock.

# REPORTS TO SECURITY HOLDERS

We are subject to the information requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In accordance with those regulations, we file periodic reports, and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Our reports and other information can be inspected and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street N.W., Washington D.C. 20549. You can obtain information on the operations of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (800) SEC-0330. Information also is available electronically on the Internet at http://www.sec.gov.

We will provide without charge to each person to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon oral or written request of such person, a copy of any or all documents which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, other than exhibits to such documents (unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into such documents). Requests for such documents should be directed to: Force Protection, Inc., 9801 Highway 78, #3 Ladson, South Carolina 29456. Our telephone number is (843) 740-7015.

We intend to furnish our shareholders with annual reports containing audited financial statements and quarterly reports containing financial information.

#### PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

The following table sets forth, to our knowledge, certain information concerning the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of March 31, 2005 by each stockholder known by us to be (i) the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock, (ii) each current director, (iii) each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table who were serving as executive officers at the end of the 2004 fiscal year and (iv) all of our directors and current executive officers as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and includes voting or investment power with respect to shares beneficially owned. Shares of Common Stock subject to options or warrants currently exercisable are deemed outstanding for computing the percentage ownership of the person holding such options or warrants, but are not deemed outstanding for computing percentage ownership of any other person.

Name of	Number of Shares	Percentage		
Beneficial Owner	Beneficially Owned	Ownership (1)		
Michael Watts (2)	5,548,728	16.0%		
Garth Barrett	946,668	2.7%		
Mike Aldrich	0	0.0%		
Thomas Thebes (3)	587,918	1.7%		
Scott Ervin	505,835	1.4%		
Gordon McGilton	83,334	0.2%		
Frank Kavanaugh (4)	6,517,918	18.8%		
Ashford Capital, LLC (5)	5,717,084	16.5%		
Murray Hammick	0	0.0%		
Gale Aguilar	0	0.0%		
All Officer and Directors as a Group	14,190,401	40.8%		

- (1) The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2005 is 34,519,095.
- (2) Includes an option for 166,667 shares at \$0.07 per share. The option can be exercised at any time and expires on August 31, 2005.
- (3) Includes an option to purchase 83,334 shares at \$0.07 per share. The option can be exercised at any time and expires on August 31, 2008.
- (4) Mr. Kavanaugh is a principal in Ashford Capital, LLC and his total beneficial share holdings include shares owned by Ashford Capital.
- (5) The business address of Ashford Capital, LLC is 3419 Via Lido, #470, Newport Beach, CA 92663.

## **DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

Our authorized capital stock consists of 300 million shares of common stock, and 10 million shares of preferred stock. The following is a summary of certain provisions of our common stock, preferred stock, Articles of Incorporation and bylaws.

# **COMMON STOCK**

As of March 31, 2005, there were 34,519,095 shares of common stock outstanding. All outstanding shares of common stock are, and the common stock to be issued in this offering will be, fully paid and nonassessable. Each share of our common stock has identical rights and privileges in every respect. The holders of our common stock are entitled to vote upon all matters submitted to a vote of our shareholders and are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held. There are no cumulative voting rights.

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The holders of our common stock are entitled to share equally in dividends and other distributions that our board of directors may declare from time to time out of funds legally available for that purpose, if any, after the satisfaction of any prior rights and preferences of any outstanding preferred stock. If we liquidate, dissolve or wind up, the holders of shares of common stock will be entitled to share ratably in the distribution of all of our assets remaining available for distribution after satisfaction of all our liabilities and our obligations to holders of our outstanding preferred stock.

The holders of our common stock have no preemptive or other subscription rights to purchase shares of our stock, nor are they entitled to the benefits of any redemption or sinking fund provisions.

### PREFERRED STOCK

On January 20, 2005, we authorized twenty thousand shares of "Series D" Convertible Preferred Stock. As of December 31, 2004, there were zero shares of Series D preferred stock outstanding. On January 21, 2005 we issued 15,800 shares of Series D 6% Convertible Preferred stock. Our board of directors has the authority to issue additional shares of preferred stock in one or more series, and fix for each series, the designation of, and number of shares to be included in, each such series. Our board of directors is also authorized to set the powers, privileges, preferences, and relative participating, optional or other rights, if any, of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of the shares of each such series. Unless our board of directors provides otherwise, the shares of all series of preferred stock will rank on a parity with respect to the payment of dividends and to the distribution of assets upon liquidation. Any issuance by us of shares of our preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change of our control or an unsolicited acquisition proposal. The issuance of preferred stock also could decrease the amount of earnings and assets available for distribution to the holders of common stock or could adversely affect the rights and powers, including voting rights, of the holders of common stock.

Our board of directors has the authority to issue additional shares of preferred stock in one or more series, and fix for each series, the designation of, and number of shares to be included in, each such series. Our board of directors is also authorized to set the powers, privileges, preferences, and relative participating, optional or other rights, if any, of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of the shares of each such series.

Unless our board of directors provides otherwise, the shares of all series of preferred stock will rank on parity with respect to the payment of dividends and to the distribution of assets upon liquidation. Any issuance by us of shares of our preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change of our control or an unsolicited acquisition proposal. The issuance of preferred stock also could decrease the amount of earnings and assets available for distribution to the holders of common stock or could adversely affect the rights and powers, including voting rights, of the holders of common stock.

## **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

On June 17, 2003 the CSIR, a statutory council established in accordance with the South African Research Council Act 46 of 1988, filed suit in the High Court of South Africa (Transvaal Provincal Division) against us claiming a balance due and owing under a Purchase Order for the design and supply of seven TMRP-6 protection kits with a total contract price of ZAR631,800. As of the date hereof, we have paid all amounts due under the contract and are awaiting final dismissal of the claim with prejudice.

In March 2005, we received a letter from H.C. Wainwright & Co., Inc. threatening litigation. The potential dispute relates to a letter agreement between H.C. Wainwright & Co and us dated November 29, 2004. This dispute is too preliminary for us to determine a final outcome, however, if the matter proceeds, we intend to vigorously defend against H.C. Wainwright & Co.'s claims.

LEGAL MATTERS

The legality of our shares of common stock being offered hereby is being passed upon by Amy Trombly, Esq. Ms. Trombly will not receive a direct or indirect interest in the small business issuer and has never been a promoter, underwriter, voting trustee, director, officer, or employee of our company. Nor does Ms. Trombly have any contingent based agreement with us or any other interest in or connection to us.

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#### **EXPERTS**

The financial statements included in this prospectus, have been audited by Jaspers + Hall, PC, independent auditors, and have been included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing. Jaspers + Hall, PC has no direct or indirect interest in us, nor were they a promoter or underwriter.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement on Form SB-2 under the Securities Act of 1933 for the shares of common stock in the offering, of which this prospectus is a part. This prospectus does not contain all of the information in the registration statement and the exhibits and schedule that were filed with the registration statement. For further information with respect to us and the Units, we refer you to the registration statement and the exhibits and schedule that were filed with the registration statement.

Statements contained in this prospectus about the contents of any contract or any other document that is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement are not necessarily complete, and we refer you to the full text of the contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement. A copy of the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules that were filed with the registration statement may be inspected without charge at the Public Reference Room maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, and copies of all or any part of the registration statement may be obtained from the Securities and Exchange Commission upon payment of the prescribed fee. Information regarding the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330.

The Securities and Exchange Commission maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC. The address of the site is www.sec.gov.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Force Protection, Inc. and subsidiary

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Force Protection, Inc., and subsidiary (formerly known as Sonic Jet Performance, Inc.) as of December 31, 2004, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity (deficit) and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Force Protection, Inc, and subsidiary, at December 31, 2004, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company's recurring losses from operations and its difficulties in generating sufficient cash flow to meet its obligation and sustain its operations raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans concerning these matters are also described in Note 1. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

/s/ Jaspers + Hall, PC

Jaspers + Hall, PC (formerly Michael Johnson & Co., LLC) Denver, Colorado

April 8, 2005

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# FORCE PROTECTION INC. AND SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

For the Period ending DECEMBER 31 2004, 2003 and 2002

		2004		2003		2002			
ASSETS									
Current Assets:									
Cash	\$	2,264,406	\$	278,777	\$	114,476			
Restricted cash -		-				-			
Accounts receivable		1,053,973		144,932		166,242			
Inventories		9,029,913		827,337		186,463			
Other current assets		241,910		60,000		146,874			
Total Current Assets		12,590,202		1,311,046		644,055			
Property and equipment, net		1,036,994		309,068		336,523			
Other Assets:									
Licensing rights		-		_		200,000			
Goodwill		-		-		1,434,873			
Total Other Assets		-		-		1,634,873			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	13,627,196	\$	1,620,114\$		2,615,451			
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.									

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# FORCE PROTECTION INC. AND SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

For the Period ending DECEMBER 31 2004, 2003 and 2002

		2004		2003	2002
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQ	UIT	Y			
Current Liabilities: Account payable Accrued payroll taxes Other accrued liabilities Current portion of capitalized	\$	1,867,363 - 827,198	\$	715,066 13,826 197,469	\$ 873,544 38,690 122,867
lease obligations Loans payable General reserve Deferred Revenue		360,975 1,132,156 2,645,716		536,162 - 209,175	56,807 424,947 *
Total Current Liabilities		6,833,408		1,617,698	1,516,855
Long-term debt: Long-term accrued liabilities Note payable - long-term Total long-term		110,732 4,000,000 - 4,110,732		176,961 32,461 209,422	277,414 67,732 295,146
Total long-term		4,110,732		209,422	293,140
TOTAL LIABILITIES		10,944,140		1,881,120	1,812,001
Shareholders' equity: Preferred stock: no par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding Series A convertible preferred stock no shares issued and outstanding		-		-	-
Series B convertible preferred stock, 19.5 shares issued and outstanding		1,508,000		25,000	25,000
Series C convertible preferred stock, no shares issued and outstanding, Common stock, 0.001 par value, 300,000,0 shares authorized, issued and outstanding	00	-		1,294,000	340,000
146,024,945 and 232,295,262 respectively		20,922,574		19,403,349	15,985,256
Warrants Shares committed to be issued Accumulated deficit Additional Paid-in Capital		1,500 (31,961,813) 12,212,795	(	689,726 30,924 (21,704,005)	692,226 143,350 (16,382,382)
Total stockholders' equity		2,683,055		(261,006)	803,450
	\$	13,627,196	\$	1,620,114	\$ 2,615,451

# TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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# FORCE PROTECTION INC. AND SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT For the Period ending DECEMBER 31 2004, 2003 and 2002 (in dollars)

		2004	2003	2002
NET SALES	\$	10,272,757	\$ 6,247,285	\$ 2,606,634
COST OF SALES		11,266,998	4,442,418	1,877,495
GROSS PROFIT		(994,241)	1,804,867	729,139
OPERATING EXPENSES: General and administrative Impairment losses - goodwill		9,136,372	2,095,339 1,917,747	4,704,249 1,400,000
Total Operating Expenses		9,136,372	4,013,086	6,104,249
Loss from operations		(10,130,613)	(2,208,219)	(5,375,110)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Interest income Other income Interest expense Extraordinary loss		818 568,942 (684,980)	41,668 (222,894)	3,227 41,435 (42,929)
Total Other Income (Expenses)		(115,220)	(181,226)	1,733
NET LOSS	\$	(10,245,833)	\$ (2,389,445)	\$ (5,373,377)
Loss from Discontinued Operations		-	\$ (2,932,179)	-
Net Loss	\$	(10,245,833)	\$ (5,321,623)	\$ (5,373,377)
Basic loss per common share Pre R/S		\$ (.04)	\$ (0.05)	\$ (0.13)
Basic loss per common share Post R/S		\$ (.53)	\$ (0.65)	\$ (1.58)
Diluted loss per common share Pre R/S		\$ (.02)	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.09)
Diluted loss per common share Post R/S		\$ (.29)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (1.05)
Weighted-average shares used to compute Basic loss per share Diluted loss per share	e:	232,295,262 421,608,457	98,221,830 186,760,559	40,697,802 61,421,885

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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# FORCE PROTECTION INC. AND SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

For the year ended December 31, 2004

		Prefe Shares	erred Stock Amour	nt	Comm Shares	non Stock Amount	Pa	ditional aid-In apital	Warrants
Balance, December 31	, 1999	1,600	\$ 1,50	00,000	12,676,00	3,618,1	94 \$	272,000	\$ 316,026
Issuance of common stock for cash	-		-	348,	,767	710,583		-	-
Capital changes due	-		-		-	-	826	5,000	708,601
to debt financing Cumulative translation	-		-		-	-		-	-
adjustment Net loss									
Balance, December 31, 2000	1,600		1,500,000	13,024	,767	4,328,777	1,098	3,000	1,024,627
Issuance of common st services	ock for			4,841.	060	6,186,938	(1,098	000)	(1,024,627)
Conversion of preferred	d stock		-	4,041,	,909	0,100,930	(1,090	,000)	(1,024,027)
into common stock	(1,600)	)	(1,500,000)	1,467	,200	1,500,000			
Issuance of	6		75,000		-	-		-	-
preferred stock									
Cumulative	-		-		-	-		-	-
translation									
adjustments Net loss									
Balance, December	6		75,000	19,333,	036	12,015,715		-	-
31, 2001			73,000	19,333,	,930	12,013,713		-	-
Issuance of common st	ock for			47.006	0.70	2 0 5 0 0 0 2			
services	- 21		210.000	47,086	,879	3,858,083		-	-
Issuance of preferred stock	31		310,000		-	-		-	-
Conversion of preferre	d stock								
into common stock	(2)	)	(20,000)	564,	706	20,000		_	_
Beneficial	-		-		-	-		_	692,226
conversion feature									
Stock issued in lieu of debt	-		-	4,572	,897	91,458		-	-
Net loss	_		_		_	_		_	_
Balance, December 31, 2002	35	\$	365,000	71,558,	,418 \$	15,985,256	\$	-	\$ 692,226
Issuance of common stock for									
services	-		-	7,319	,836	284,884		-	-
Issuance of	98		990,000		-	-		-	-
preferred stock									

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into common stock         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         (2,500)           Beneficial         (3)         (36,000)         -         -         -         (2,500)           conversion feature         Stock issued in lieu         -         -         1,250,000         87,500         -         -           Net loss         -         -         -         -         -         -         -           Balance, December         130         \$ 1,319,000         122,280,238         19,403,349         \$         \$ 689,726           31, 2003         Issuance of common stock for cash         -         -         7,550,185         -         920,022         -           Issuance of common stock for Cash conversion of preferred stock         70,199,324         1,519,225         11,292,773         -           Conversion of preferred stock into common stock         (73)         -         32,265,515         -         -         -         -           Beneficial         (75.5)         (267,000)         -         -         -         -         -         -           Stock issued in lieu         -         -         -<	Issuance of common s Conversion of preferre			42,151,984	3,045,709		
conversion feature           Stock issued in lieu         -         -         1,250,000         87,500         -         -           Of debt         Net loss         -	into common stock	-	-	-	-		
Stock issued in lieu         -         1,250,000         87,500         -         -           of debt         Net loss         -<	Beneficial	(3)	(36,000)	-	-	-	(2,500)
of debt         Net loss         -	conversion feature						
Net loss         -<	Stock issued in lieu	-	-	1,250,000	87,500	-	-
Balance, December 130 \$ 1,319,000 122,280,238 19,403,349 \$ - \$ 689,726 31, 2003  Issuance of common stock for services - 7,550,185 - 920,022 - Issuance of common stock for Cash preferred stock  Issuance of common stock for Cash Conversion of preferred stock into common stock (73) - 32,265,515 688,226)  Beneficial (75.5) (267,000) (688,226)  conversion feature Stock issued in lieu	of debt						
31, 2003 Issuance of common stock for services 7,550,185 - 920,022 - Issuance of 38 456,000	Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	-
Issuance of common stock for services       -       -       7,550,185       -       920,022       -         Issuance of 38       456,000       -       -       -       -       -       -         preferred stock       Issuance of common stock for Cash       70,199,324       1,519,225       11,292,773       -       -         Conversion of preferred stock into common stock       (73)       -       32,265,515       -	Balance, December	130	\$ 1,319,000	122,280,238	19,403,349	\$ -	\$ 689,726
services         -         -         7,550,185         -         920,022         -           Issuance of         38         456,000         -         -         -         -         -         -           preferred stock         Issuance of common stock for Cash         70,199,324         1,519,225         11,292,773         -         -           Conversion of preferred stock into common stock         (73)         -         32,265,515         -	31, 2003						
Issuance of preferred stock       38       456,000       -	Issuance of common s	stock for					
preferred stock  Issuance of common stock for Cash Conversion of preferred stock into common stock into common stock (73)  Beneficial (75.5) (267,000)  Conversion feature  Stock issued in lieu  Prior years retained	services	-	-	7,550,185	-	920,022	-
Tessuance of common stock for Cash   70,199,324   1,519,225   11,292,773   - Conversion of preferred stock   into common stock   (73)   - 32,265,515   -   -   -   -   -   (688,226)	Issuance of	38	456,000	-	-	-	-
Conversion of preferred stock into common stock (73) - 32,265,515 (688,226)  Beneficial (75.5) (267,000) (688,226)  conversion feature  Stock issued in lieu	preferred stock						
into common stock (73) - 32,265,515 (688,226)  Beneficial (75.5) (267,000) (688,226)  conversion feature  Stock issued in lieu	Issuance of common s	tock for Cash		70,199,324	1,519,225	11,292,773	-
Beneficial (75.5) (267,000) (688,226) conversion feature Stock issued in lieu of debt Prior years retained earnings Adjustment	Conversion of preferre	ed stock					
conversion feature Stock issued in lieu of debt Prior years retained earnings Adjustment	into common stock	(73)	-	32,265,515	-	-	-
Stock issued in lieu of debt  Prior years retained	Beneficial	(75.5)	(267,000)	-	-	-	(688,226)
of debt Prior years retained	conversion feature						
Prior years retained earnings Adjustment	Stock issued in lieu	-	-	-	-	-	-
earnings Adjustment	of debt						
· · · ·	Prior years retained	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net loss	earnings Adjustment						
1101 1000	Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance, December 19.5 \$ 1,508,000 232,295,262 \$ 20,922,574 1\$2,212,795 \$ 1,500	Balance, December	19.5	\$ 1,508,000	232,295,262	\$ 20,922,574	1\$2,212,795	\$ 1,500
31, 2004	31, 2004						

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# FORCE PROTECTION INC. AND SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued) For the year ended December 31,2004

	~-				nulated					
	Shares			Other			1 . 1			
		Comm		•	Comprehensive Accumul					
		to be is	ssued	Inco	ome	L	Deficit	-	Γotal	
Balance, December 31, 1999		\$	799,455	\$	(4,943)	\$	(2,132,207)	\$	4,368,525	
Issuance of common stock for cash			(655,583)		-		-		55,000	
Capital changes due to debt financing			_		_		_		1,534,601	
Cumulative translation			_		25,273		_		25,273	
adjustment					•				,	
Net loss			_		_		(7,458,046)		(7,458,046)	
Balance, December 31,			143,872		20,330		(9,590,253)		(1,474,647)	
2000			,		,		, , , ,		, , , ,	
Issuance of common stock to	for									
services			(50,667)		(20,330)		20,332		4,013,646	
Conversion of preferred sto	ck		, , ,		(		,		, ,	
into common stock									_	
Issuance of preferred stock			_		_		_		75,000	
Cumulative translation			_		_		(1,266)		(1,266)	
adjustments							, , ,		, , ,	
Net loss			_		_		(1,437,818)		(1,437,818)	
Balance, December 31,			93,205		_		(11,491,879)		1,174,915	
2001			,						, ,	
Issuance of common stock to	for									
services			50,145		_		_		3,908,228	
Issuance of preferred stock			-		_		_		310,000	
Conversion of preferred sto	ck								,	
into common stock			_		_		_		_	
Beneficial conversion			_		_		_		692,226	
feature									,	
Stock issued in lieu of debt			_		_		_		91,458	
Net loss			_		_		(5,373,377)		(5,373,377)	
Balance, December 31,		\$	143,350	\$	_	\$	(16,382,382)	\$	803,450	
2002		,	- ,	,			( - ) ) )	·	,	
Issuance of common stock f	for									
services			(112,426)		_		_		172,458	
Issuance of common stock f	for		(,)						,	
cash			_		_		_		3,045,709	
Issuance of preferred stock			_		_		_		990,000	
Conversion of preferred sto	ck								,	
into common stock			_		_		_		_	
			_		_		_		(38,500)	
									(- 3,2 00)	

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Beneficial conversion				
feature				
Stock issued in lieu of debt	-	-	-	87,500
Net loss	-	-	(5,321,623)	(5,321,623)
Balance, December 31,	\$ 30,924	\$ -	\$ (21,704,005)	\$ (261,006)
2003				
Issuance of common stock	-	-	_	-
for services				
Issuance of preferred stock	-	-	-	_
Issuance of common stock for				
cash	(30,924)	-	-	13,701,096
Conversion of preferred stock				
into common stock	-	-	-	-
Beneficial conversion	-	-	-	(499,226)
feature				
Stock issued in lieu of debt	-	-	-	-
Prior years retained	-	-	(11,977)	(11,977)
earnings Adjustment				
Net loss	-	-	(10,245,833)	(10,245,833)
Balance, December 31, 2004	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (31,961,815)	\$ 2,683,054

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# FORCE PROTECTION INC. AND SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004, 2003 AND 2002

	2004	2003	2002
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIV	/ITIES:		
Net loss	\$ (10,245,833)	\$ (2,389,445)	\$ (5,373,377)
Loss from discontinued operations	, ( -, -,,	(2,932,179)	(-,,,,
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash	h (used in)		
provided by operating			
activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	207,271	(343,511)	245,807
Royalty	-	-	60,000
Goodwill Impairment	-	1,917,747	1,400,000
Restructuring Expense	-	(224,947)	-
Deferred Revenue	2,436,541	209,175	-
Write off of molds and tools on	-	-	1,020,000
discontinued product			
Write off Dalian Sonic Jet Co, Ltd	-	-	-
inventory			
Write off investment in Dalian Sonic Jet	-	-	-
Co., Ltd			
Provision for China inventory and assets	-	-	368,492
Common stock issued for services	-	284,884	528,834
Common stock committed for services	-	-	-
Stock issued in lieu of debt	-	87,500	(74,311)
Decrease (Increase) in assets	(935,197)	-	1,400,000
Bad debts	-	(57,950)	36,500
Beneficial conversion feature - warrants	(688,226)	(2,500)	692,226
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Decrease (increase) in accounts	(909,041)	64,528	(206,650)
receivable			
Decrease (increase) in other receivable	-	27,714	-
Decrease (increase) in inventories	(8,082,015)	(640,874)	(150,411)
Decrease (increase) in due from related	2,814,290	-	-
parties			
Decrease (increase) in other current	(106,000)	(54,000)	(139,143)
assets			
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	1,063,592	(173,598)	125,557
Increase (decrease) in accrued payroll	(27,652)	(24,864)	(32,246)
taxes			
Increase (decrease) from customers	-	-	50,000
Increase (decrease) in other accrued	1,079,651	(119,160)	(49,462)
liabilities			
NET CACHLICED IN ODED ATING	(12 202 (10)	(4 271 400)	(1 400 104)
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING	(13,392,619)	(4,371,480)	(1,498,184)
ACTIVITIES			

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Restricted cash	-	-	201,004
Purchase of property and equipment	-	(60,713)	-
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	294,862	-
Investment in Technical Solutions Group	11,464,547	(21,546)	(505,000)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	11,464,547	212,603	(303,996)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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# FORCE PROTECTION INC. AND SUBSIDIARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004, 2003 AND 2002

		2004		2003		2002
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:  Proceeds from convertible debt -		11,464,547		-		-
related party Proceeds from (payments on) capitalized lease		-		-		(12,236)
Issuance of common stock, net Issuance of preferred stock, net Proceeds from stock commitment	(	(20,119,725) (1,094,000) 18,868,373		3,045,709 954,000 (112,426)		1,425,825 290,000 143,500
Proceeds from loans  NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES		6,198,827 15,318,022		405,895 4,293,178		56,807 1,903,896
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH		1,985,629		134,301		101,716
CASH - beginning of period		278,777		144,476		42,760
CASH - end of period	\$	2,264,406	\$	278,777	\$	144,476
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:						
Interest paid (includes factoring) Income taxes paid	\$ \$	684,980 0	\$ \$	322,992 0	\$	8,184 800
Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and fina activities:	ıncin	ng				
During the year ended December 31, 2003, the Comp 4,019,836 restricted shares of common stock valued a in connection with settlement agreements and outstan debts owed by the Company under various loan agreements.	t \$29	97,134	\$	2	97,134	
During the year ended December 31, 2002, the Comp 9,972,020 restricted shares of common stock valued a in connection with the settlement agreement of all out debts owed by the Company under various loan agreements.	t \$90	63,626	\$	9	63,626	
During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Comp 6,309,169 restricted shares of common stock valued a	•					

in connection with the settlement agreement of all outstanding debt owed by the Company under loan agreements, agreement between the Company and Plaintiffs in "Wrongful death case" and

outstanding amounts owed to employee and other expenses.	\$ 6,044
During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Company recorded \$93,205 for settlement with employees and consultants by committing to issue shares, which represents the Company's committed-to-issue 1,656,695 shares of common stock.	\$ 93,205
During the year ended December 31, 2002, the Company issued 6,000,000 restricted shares of common stock valued at \$1,200,000 in connection with the acquisition of Technical	\$ 1,200,000
Solutions Group, Inc.	

Cash from investing and financing activities exclude the effect of the acquisition of real property through the assumption of debt.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# FORCE PROTECTION INC. AND SUBSIDIARY STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

For the period ending December 31, 2004 (in dollars)

Net Income \$(10,245,833)

Other Comprehensive Income,

Net of tax

Comprehensive Income

\$(10,245,833)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Force Protection, Inc.
(formerly Sonic Jet Performance, Inc.)
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of the Business:

Force Protection, Inc. (the "Company) designs, manufactures and markets mine and blast protected vehicles.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2004, FASB issued Statement No. 123 (R), *Share-Based Payment*, which establishes accounting standards for transactions in which an entity receives employee services in exchange for (a) equity instruments of the entity or (b) liabilities that are based on the fair value of the entity's equity instruments or that may be settled by the issuance of equity instruments. Effective in the third quarter of 2005, SFAS 123(R) will require us to recognize the grant-date fair value of stock options and equity based compensation issued to employees in the statement of operations. The statement also requires that such transactions be accounted for using the fair-value-based method, thereby eliminating use of the intrinsic method of accounting in APB No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, which was permitted under Statement 123, as originally issued. To date, the Company has expensed stock based compensation on the intrinsic method. The Company currently is evaluating the impact of Statement No. 123 (R) on our financial condition and results of operations.

In November 2004, the FASB issued Statement No. 151, *Inventory Costs*, to amend the guidance in Chapter 4, *Inventory Pricing*, of the FASB Accounting Research Bulletin No. 43, *Restatement and Revision of Accounting Research Bulletins*, which will become effective for the Company in fiscal year 2006. Statement No. 151 clarifies the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted materials. The Statement requires that those items be recognized as current-period charges. Additionally, Statement No. 151 requires that allocation of fixed production overhead to the costs of conversion be based on normal capacity of the production facility. The Company is currently following Statement No. 151 and does not believe that Statement No. 151 will have a significant impact on its financial condition and results of operations.

#### Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Force Protection, Inc., and Technical Solution Group, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2004. All inter-company balances and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

#### Going Concern

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. As shown in the financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2004 the Company incurred losses of \$10,245,833 but its Current Assets exceed its Current Liabilities by \$5,756,794.

Realization of a major portion of the assets in the accompanying balance sheet is dependent upon continued operations of the Company, obtaining additional financing, and the success of its future operations.

Due to the nature of the business it is uncertain whether the Company will receive orders impeding its cash situation and our ability to pay creditors.

#### General Statement

The Securities and Exchange Commission has issued Financial Reporting release No. 60, "Cautionary Advice Regarding Disclosure About Critical Accounting Policies," or FRR 60, suggesting companies provide additional disclosure and commentary on their most critical accounting policies. In FRR 60, the SEC defined the most critical accounting policies as the ones that are most important to the portrayal of a company's financial condition and operating results, and require management to make its most difficult and subjective judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates of matters that are inherently uncertain. The methods, estimates and judgments the Company uses in applying these most critical accounting policies have a significant impact on the results the Company reports in its financial statements.

#### Revenue Recognition

As a general rule, financial information is accounted for and based on cost, not current market value. Revenues and gains should be matched using the accrual method with the expenses giving rise to the revenues and gains to determine earnings for the period. Expenses are necessarily incurred to produce revenue. Expenses are then "matched" in the same accounting period against the revenue generated. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized in the same period as the related revenue (matching or using a systematic and rational allocation or expensing in the period in which they expire), not necessarily in the period in which the cash is received or expended by the Company.

#### Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive loss is equal to net loss for the years ended December 31, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

#### Cash Equivalents

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents consist primarily of United States government securities.

#### **Inventories**

The Company intends to implement a material resource planning (MRP) system during 2005, originally scheduled to be implemented during the fourth quarter of 2004, to further develop our internal control processes. Beginning July 2004, the Company has set up an inventory loss reserve of \$10,000 per month. To date, the Company has a \$60,000 reserve balance.

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. The cost is determined under the first-in-first-out method base (FIFO) valuation method.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost or at the value of the operating agreement. The Company capitalizes additions and improvements which include all material, labor and engineering cost to design, install or improve the asset. Routine repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Building and improvements	20 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Machinery and equipment	7 years
Tooling and molds	7 years
Vehicles	7 years

#### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company reviews long-lived assets to be held and used for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the sum of the expected future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) is less than the carrying amount of the asset, the Company would recognize an impairment loss based on the estimated fair value of the asset.

#### Goodwill

*Under SFAS No. 142. Goodwill and other Intangible Assets*, all goodwill amortization ceased effective Jan.1, 2002. Rather, goodwill is now subject to only impairment reviews. A fair-value based test is applied at the reporting level. This test requires various judgments and estimates. A goodwill impairment loss will be recorded for any goodwill that is determined to be impaired. Goodwill is tested for impairment at least annually.

The Company acquired Goodwill, which represents the excess of purchase price over fair value of net assets, in the acquisition of Technical Solutions Group, Inc. in June 2002. The Company follows SFAS 142, Goodwill and Intangible Assets, which requires the Company to test goodwill for potential impairment annually. When the carrying value exceeds fair value, the impairment is the difference between the carrying value of goodwill and the implied value. The implied value of goodwill is the difference between the fair value for the unit as a whole and the value of individual assets and liabilities using an "as-if" purchase price.

#### Foreign Currency Transaction

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date, and the resulting gains and losses are reflected in the statements of operations. Gains and losses arising from translation of a subsidiary's foreign currency financial statements are shown as a component of stockholders' equity (deficit) as accumulated comprehensive income (loss).

#### Income Taxes

The Company uses the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. The asset and liability method accounts for deferred income taxes by applying enacted statutory rates in effect for periods in which the difference between the book value and the tax bases of assets and liabilities are scheduled to reverse. The resulting deferred tax asset or liability is adjusted to reflect changes in tax laws or rates. Because the Company has incurred losses from operations, no benefit is realized for the tax effect of the net operating loss carry-forward due to the uncertainty of its realization.

#### Loss per Share

The Company utilizes SFAS No. 128, "Earnings per Share." Basic loss per share is computed by dividing loss available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted loss per share is computed similar to basic loss per share except that the denominator is increased to include the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if the potential common shares had been issued and if the additional common shares were dilutive.

#### Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Revenue Recognition

The Company's revenues are derived principally from the sale of blast and mine-protected vehicles. Revenue from products and services are recognized at the time goods are shipped or services are provided to the customer, with an appropriate provision for returns and allowances. The estimated sales value of performance under fixed-price incentive contracts in process is recognized under the percentage-of-completion method of accounting in which the estimated sales value is determined on the basis of physical completion to date (the total contract amount multiplied by percent of performance to date less sales value recognized in previous periods) and cost (including general and administrative) are expensed as incurred. It is our policy to not recognize revenue until customer acceptance and shipment to the customer. All advance payments are treated as "deferred revenue".

# Research and Development

The Company expenses research and development cost as incurred.

# NOTE 2 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary. All significant inter-company balances, transactions, and stockholdings have been eliminated.

#### **NOTE 3 - INVENTORIES**

The Company intends to implement a material resource planning (MRP) system during 2005 to further develop the Company's internal control processes. Beginning July 2004, the Company set up an inventory loss reserve of \$10,000 per month. To date, the Company has a \$60,000 reserve balance.

Inventories at December 31, 2004 consisted of the following:

Raw materials and supplies	\$5,268,797
Work in process	3,756,921
Finished goods - Demo	0
Finished Goods	4,194

Less: Provision 60,000

Total Inventories \$8,969,912

#### NOTE 4 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment at December 31, 2004 consisted of the following:

Furniture and fixtures	\$252,608
Machinery and equipment	983,955
Test Equipment	16,790
Manuals	104,798
Vehicles	10,110
Demo vehicles	192,530
Less depreciation and amortization	(523,797)

Total property and equipment \$1,036,994

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$207,271 as compared to \$104,334 for 2003.

#### NOTE 5 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### Leases:

The Company leases space in two buildings in Ladson, South Carolina for its principal executive offices and manufacturing facilities. The term of the lease for Building Three is five years starting October 15, 2003. Annual rent is \$215,000 for the first year plus utilities, taxes and maintenance, and \$258,000 base rental for the next four years. The Company has 84,800 square feet of space in Building Three.

The term of the lease for Building Two is five years starting July 15, 2004, with an option to renew for another five years. Annual rent is \$439,500 for the first year plus utilities, taxes and maintenance, and \$439,500 base rental for the next four years, which may be adjusted by increases to the Consumer Price Factor by three to seven percent. This additional lease of 142,500 square feet gives the Company a stable base for future planning. The space substantially increases the Company's ability to qualify for and fulfill larger contracts for its mine-protected vehicles.

On July 15, 2004 Technical Solutions Group (now Force Protection Industries, Inc.) entered into a 60 month option lease of \$952.71 per month with Gregory Poole Lift Systems for a new Caterpillar forklift.

# Royalty/Licensing Agreements

We are party to two long term intellectual property agreements covering technology used in the production of our ballistic and blast protected vehicles. One agreement is with the CSIR Defencetek, a division of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, a statutory council established in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of South Africa, and the other is with MECHAM, a division of Denel Pty Ltd, a company established in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of South Africa. Under these agreements, we pay a fixed royalty in exchange for the exclusive transfer to it of the South African technology used in certain of our products.

#### NOTE 6 - STOCK COMPENSATION PLAN

Currently, the Company does not have a stock compensation plan.

#### NOTE 7 - SALE OF ASSETS

Under an agreement dated July 1, 2003, modified on September 15, 2003, the Company sold its right, title and interest in and to the tangible and intangible assets of its Fire & Rescue Boat Division to Rockwell Power Systems Inc. ("RPSI"), which subsequently merged with Xtreme, Inc, a publicly traded company trading under the symbol XTME.OB on the Bulletin Board. As part of the consideration for such sale, RPSI caused to be delivered to the Company 1/3 of Xtreme's authorized common stock, which was then distributed to the Company's shareholders of record as at December 5, 2003. In addition, the Company is to receive 500 shares of Xtreme's Series A Preferred stock, each share having a face value of \$1,000. The Company has requested but not yet received such Preferred shares.

#### **NOTE 8 - OTHER TRANSACTIONS**

#### **Capital Stock Transactions**

During the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Company issued an aggregate of 8,217,500 restricted shares of its common stock for the exercise of warrants generating \$743,750 per a private placement offering dated April 10, 2002.

During the period of February 1, 2004 to March 31, 2004, the Company issued a total of 600,185 restricted shares of common stock to two consultants for services to be rendered to the Company. The value for services rendered, that was paid in stock was \$112,022.

During the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Company issued 25 Series C preferred shares in exchange for settlement of long-term debt - \$250,000, finalizing May 7, 2004.

On March 23, 2004, the Company closed on a private offering. This offering, sold to six accredited investors, consisted of the following:

- (a) 15,000,000 shares at \$0.20 per share; generating \$2,670,000 net proceeds.
- (b) An "A" Warrant for each share purchased, exercisable at \$0.24 per share. The "A" Warrants expire March 23, 2006; and
- (c) A "Green Shoe" warrant for each share purchased, exercisable at \$0.20 per share for a period of 180 days after the effective date of the registration statement, commencing on the effective date of the registration statement.

During the three months ended March 31, 2004, 15 shares of Series C preferred stock were converted into common stock and 225,000 common shares were cancelled.

During the three months ended June 30, 2004, the Company issued an aggregate of 3,188,275 restricted shares of its common stock for the exercise of warrants generating \$247,483 per a private placement offering dated April 10, 2002.

During the period of April 1, 2004 to June 30, 2004, the Company issued a total of 1,012,016 restricted shares of common stock to three consultants for services to be rendered to the Company related to the discontinued boat business valued at \$70,841.

During the three months ended June 30, 2004, "Green Shoe" warrants were exercised at \$0.20 generating \$2,600,000. 13,000,000 shares were issued.

During the three months ended June 30, 2004, 9 shares of Series C preferred stock were issued and 1 Series B share was converted to 10 Series C shares. 25 series C shares were converted into common and 725,000 common shares were cancelled.

During the three months ended September 30, 2004, the Company issued an aggregate of 175,000 restricted shares of common stock for the exercise of warrants generating \$17,500. The warrants were issued in a private placement that closed on April 10, 2002.

During the three months ended September 30, 2004, 4,650,000 "Green Shoe" warrants were exercised at \$0.12 generating \$558,000. The Company issued 4,650,000 shares of common stock.

During the three months ended September 30, 2004, the Company issued 30 shares of Series C Preferred Convertible stock and cancelled 1 share of Series B Preferred Convertible stock. Additionally, the Company cancelled or converted into common stock 20 shares of Series C Preferred Convertible stock.

During the three months ended September 30, 2004, the Company issued a total of 2,800,000 restricted shares of common stock to three consultants. The payments were for a prior period payable valued at \$120,000 and for capital raising and internet public relations valued at \$280,000.

On September 14, 2004, the Company issued Jeff Lesonsky a total of 75,000 warrants at \$0.20 per share and 400,000 warrants at \$0.10 per share for marketing consulting work performed. Mr. Lesonsky exercised 400,000 warrant shares at \$0.10 generating net proceeds of \$40,000 in December of 2004.

During the three months ended December 31, 2004, the Company issued an aggregate of 300,000 restricted shares of common stock for the exercise of warrants generating \$30,000. The warrants were issued in a private placement that closed on April 10, 2002. As part of employment agreements and bonus; Mr. Thebes was awarded 1,500,000 shares of common stock and 4 Series C shares of preferred convertible stock; Mr. Ervin was awarded 500,000 shares of common stock and 4 Series C shares of preferred convertible stock; Mr. Watts was awarded 20 Series C shares of preferred convertible stock and 1,000,000 shares of common stock.

During the three months ended December 31, 2004, 7,288,700 "Green Shoe" warrants were exercised at \$0.24 generating \$1,749,288. The Company issued 7,288,700 shares of common stock.

During the three months ended December 31, 2004 the company issued an aggregate of 14,998,052 common shares at an average price of \$0.203627 per share, generating \$3,054,015 for the exercise of the Dutchess Equity agreement.

During October, 2004 all outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Convertible stock were either converted into Series B Preferred Convertible stock or into shares of common stock. In total, 129 shares of Series C Preferred Convertible stock were redeemed for 18.5 shares of Series B Preferred Convertible stock and 14,032,200 shares of common stock. As of November 2, 2004 there were no shares of Series C Preferred Convertible stock outstanding. As of November 2, 2004, there were 18.5 shares of Series B Preferred Convertible stock outstanding.

During the three months ended December 31, 2004 the company issued to Frank Kavanaugh 10 Series C shares which were converted into 1 Series B share on December 31, 2004.

Employment Agreements.

On February 4, 2005, the Company named Ted McQuinn President of Force Protection Industries, Inc. Mr. McQuinn is to receive a base salary of \$180,000 plus \$100,000 stock grant for 3 years. Sixty days after start of employment, Mr. McQuinn is to be issued a \$20,000 stock grant. Mr. McQuinn will be allowed to participate in a Gain-Sharing Program yet to be adopted.

On January 27, 2005, the Company entered into an employee/consulting agreement with Gordon McGilton to act as the Company's Chief Quality Officer. Mr. McGilton is to receive a base salary of \$180,000 plus a 180,000 bonus. The Company will also reimburse Mr. McGilton for travel, lodging and other out of pocket expenses incurred during employment. Mr. McGilton is to be provided a qualified stock option plan yet to be adopted.

Effective October 26, 2004, the Company entered into an Agreement with Gale Aguilar to receive annual cash compensation of \$15,000 per month plus stock grants as the new Interim Chief Executive Officer. Effective January 27, 2005, Mr. Aguilar stopped collecting his compensation. On January 27, 2005, Mr. R. Scott Ervin replaced Mr. Aguilar as Interim Chief Executive Officer.

Acquisition of Technical Solutions Group, Inc.

Pursuant to a finder's fee agreement entered into between Ashford Capital, LLC and Sonic Jet Performance, Inc on February 1, 2002, Sonic Jet granted Ashford Capital ten percent of the equity ownership of any referred party acquired by Sonic Jet. As part of the purchase of Technical Solutions Group Inc. in July 2002, Ashford Capital, LLC, an advisor to the transaction and a shareholder of the Company, received a 10% interest of TSG International, Inc. An agreement was reached in April of 2003 under which Ashford Capital, LLC could exchange such interest for 50 shares of the Company's Series C preferred shares, by notifying the Company by October 15, 2003.

In September 2003, Ashford Capital, LLC and the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Michael Watts, reached an agreement under which the TSG International interest was purchased by Mr. Watts in a private sale between the parties. On October 13, 2003 Mr. Watts exchanged such assigned interest for 50 shares of Company Series C preferred stock effective October 15, 2003.

In September 2004, the Directors of TSGI agreed to exchange all shares held by it of Technical Solutions Group Inc for the TSGI shares held by the Company, as a result of which the Company reacquired 100% of the shares of Technical Solutions Group as a wholly owned subsidiary

#### **NOTE 9 - INCOME TAXES**

There has been no provision for U.S. federal, state, or foreign income taxes for any period because the Company has incurred losses in all periods and for all jurisdictions.

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. Significant components of deferred tax assets are as follows as of December 31, 2002:

Deferred tax assets:	
Net operating loss carry forwards	\$ 11,954,500
Future deduction for intangible assets	1,612,013
Future deduction for reserves & others	1,880,682
Less valuation allowance	(15,447,195)
Net deferred tax assets	\$ -

Realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon future earnings, if any, the timing and amount of which are uncertain. Accordingly, the net deferred tax assets have been fully offset by a valuation allowance. As of December 31, 2002, the Company had net operating loss carry forwards of approximately \$11,954,500 for federal and state income tax purposes. These carry forwards, if not utilized to offset taxable income begin to expire in 2007. Utilization of the net operating loss may be subject to substantial annual limitation due to the ownership change limitations provided by the Internal Revenue Code and similar stat provisions. The annual limitation could result in the expiration of