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Next Generation Night-Vision Technology Wins the Global Security Challenge 2007

NoblePeak Vision was awarded a \$500,000 grant sponsored by TSWG of the U.S. Government and mentorship with Paladin Capital Group for winning the 2nd annual Global Security Challenge (GSC) today.

Founded in 2002 as a spin-out from Bell Laboratories, **NoblePeak Vision** from Massachusetts in the USA has developed a new generation of video surveillance camera cores and components with breakthrough night vision performance. These products are based on TriWave™, a revolutionary image sensor technology that enables the rapid detection and identification of people and objects in zero ambient lighting conditions.

Speaking at the awarding ceremony, **Sir Richard Dearlove, the former chief of the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6)** stated: “We are faced with complex new threats to society – and these are common to many different countries. We must also contend with the possibility that many new technologies have a dark side and may be used against us. The entrants in this year’s Global Security Challenge illustrate how technology should rather be used to enhance our collective security, and how the security interests of government and business more generally can benefit from this type of work at the cutting edge of scientific advancement.”

Jeff David, the Deputy Director of TSWG at the U.S. Department of Defense and Chairman of the GSC Judging Committee said: “Security has no boundaries. To ensure the safety of our world, it is critical to identify the most innovative security technologies by applying a global perspective. We are glad to sponsor the grant award for the winner of the Global Security Challenge to further encourage innovators worldwide to continue to act on their dreams.”

Before coming to London, the five finalists had already made it through two rounds of judging. The last of which were regional competitions held in Washington DC, Singapore and Munich. The other four finalists have developed technologies that can identify people through biometric analysis of how they type, scan the eye to assess a person's health, protect against multiple explosions, and recognize faces despite changing light, facial expressions and the presence or absence of beards, moustaches or spectacles.

The judges for the final were

- Jeff David - Deputy Director of TSWG at the U.S. Department of Defense;
- Stephen Bonner - Director of Risk Management at Barclays;
- Gian Brown - President of the SAIC Venture Capital Corporation;
- Dr. Alastair MacWillson - Managing Partner of Global Security Practice at Accenture;
and
- Jon Wills - Security & Resilience Programmes Director at BAE Systems.

The Global Security Challenge was founded by MBA students at London Business School and is supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Smiths Detection, ONR Global, TSWG, BAE Systems, Accenture, Microsoft and SAIC among others.

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Note to Editors

About NoblePeak Vision

NoblePeak Vision provides camera core and imager products that are sensitive over the visible to short-wave infrared (SWIR) spectrum and that provide breakthrough night vision performance with applications in the security, transportation and defense markets. NoblePeak's unique integrated approach allows the entire infrared image sensor to be manufactured in a standard silicon process line, yielding never before achieved reliability and economics. Founded in 2002, NoblePeak Vision is a private company funded by Matrix Partners and North Bridge Venture Partners. The company is headquartered in Wakefield, Massachusetts. (www.noblepeak.com)

About Global Security Challenge

The Global Security Challenge (GSC) is an annual competition to find the most promising security start-up in the world. The founders have gained experience in the security technology sector with IBM, Sagem Défense Sécurité and the National Security Council at the White House. The mission of the GSC is to stimulate technological innovations that make airports, cities and enterprises safer without encroaching on civil liberties. The GSC was founded by London Business School students and is supported by Accenture, BAE Systems, BWI-IT, CapVista, Microsoft, ONR Global, PegasusBridge Fund Management, SAIC, Smiths Detection, TSWG, and the US Department of Homeland Security. The partner universities of the GSC are Mississippi State University, National University of Singapore, Technical University of Munich and London Business School. For more information visit: www.globalsecuritychallenge.com

About TSWG

The Technical Support Working Group (TSWG) is the U.S. national forum that identifies, prioritizes, and coordinates interagency and international research and development (R&D) requirements for combating terrorism. The TSWG rapidly develops technologies and equipment to meet the high priority needs of the combating terrorism community, and addresses joint international operational requirements through cooperative R&D with major allies. www.tswg.gov

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