

**Press Release – 22 April 2009**

**Aberdeen based company – thwarting terrorist attack**

Fears of future terrorist attack and ways to mitigate against the impact of truck bomb and similar explosive attacks have been highlighted in recent media reports, not least the BBC Breakfast report “Testing the terror truck bombs” on 22 April. With the hype surrounding the products of some of the world’s largest engineering and security entities, designed to prevent truck bomb and explosive attacks, an Aberdeen-based company, *Euroblock* has developed an alternative that challenges on both standard and price.

Aberdeen-based inventor and engineer Ian Christie is challenging these multinational players and his *Euroblock Security Block* has the credentials and cost effectiveness to contribute to the Government’s National Security Strategy.

Having passed the strict impact and blast test standards set by the MI5-led Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI), it is now one of only a few security block products recommended by and included on the approved list of available products. It is exceptionally cost effective, costing approximately one third less than existing products recommended by the aforementioned authorities. The block is also considerably easier and timely to manufacture, transit and install on site, keeping all associated costs to a minimum.

The original Euroblock was designed for application in landslide and flood defence projects, agricultural use and crash barriers – resoundingly sailing through the MI5/CPNI impact tests for the latter. Simple modification to the original design allowed the security block to similarly pass the explosive blast testing procedure – indeed generating no shrapnel – a real concern for authorities in terms of potential mass casualties and collateral damage.

Euroblock’s Security Block inventor Ian Christie comments:

I see real application for the Security Block both here in the UK and internationally. In this respect we are working with international risk mitigation and security specialists AKE Ltd with efforts underway to utilise our Block as far afield as Iraq and Afghanistan.

I do, however, think the high standard and relatively low price of our security block should not be overlooked in this country in terms of the protection of critical infrastructure and potential mass casualty targets, which tend to be public places. Cost is particularly pertinent in times of economic instability. Indeed, we can deliver better results at a fraction of the cost and with a more aesthetically pleasing effect.

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**Euroblock:** The concept is a solution to a need in the marketplace for a safe, cost effective product with minimum manpower required to install. The product has been developed over a number of years and has wide application locally, nationally and internationally, on an emergency, temporary or permanent basis in a number of market sectors.

**AKE Ltd:** AKE is a leading international security risk mitigation company providing a variety of fully integrated services. AKE distinguishes itself from other security services companies by taking a proactive, intelligence-led approach to assessing, monitoring and training for and protecting against risk.