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Waterloo Researcher Awarded Ontario Centres of Excellence Fellowship

Toronto, Ontario September 27, 2006 – The Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) Inc. has presented its Martin Walmsley Fellowship for Technological Entrepreneurship to Christian Kaufmann, President of Strike Face Technology of Waterloo. The Fellowship provides up to \$100,000 in business development funding, payable over two years.

Strike Face Technology developed a unique body armour system capable of withstanding .50 caliber armour piercing bullets. The system is lightweight, facilitating mobility, while providing maximum protection. The hybrid armour system consists of a ceramic plate with composite and blunt trauma layers and can be used to protect people as well as vehicles.

Strike Face Technology evolved from OCE-supported research at the University of Waterloo and also received business development and start-up assistance from OCE. The Martin Walmsley Fellowship will allow the company to further develop its technology and market to military and police customers in North America and around the world.

“Christian Kaufmann and Strike Face Technology reflect the combination of cutting-edge research and entrepreneurial spirit required to build a more competitive Ontario,” said Mark Romoff, OCE’s President and CEO. “We’re proud of OCE’s role in bringing Strike Face Technology to this stage, and pleased to assist them in reaching the next level of commercial development.” Mr. Romoff presented the Walmsley Fellowship at OCE’s annual general meeting in Toronto.

The Martin Walmsley Fellowship for Technological Entrepreneurship facilitates the transition of OCE-funded, university-based research into an innovative business venture. Candidates are selected by an expert panel and judged on a variety of criteria, including commercial viability and the strength of business planning. The Fellowship honours the vision of Dr. Martin Walmsley, who helped found the Ontario Centres of Excellence program in 1987.

OCE Inc. supports commercialization of research and the development of the next generation of talent in a range of key market sectors, including communications and information technology, earth and environmental technologies, energy, materials and manufacturing and photonics. Established in 1987, OCE Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation that delivers its Research, Commercialization and Talent programs through the financial support of the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation. For more information, please visit our web site at www.oce-ontario.org

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