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TACOM SELECTS TIRE-LIFT SPARE TIRE CARRIER FOR HUMVEE

Medina, Ohio. TACOM, the U.S. Army's Tank – Automotive and Armaments Command, has awarded BPR/RICO Equipment, Inc. a contract to supply and manufacture, through its affiliate RHINO Industries, Inc., its Tire-Lift product for the Military's Humvee and support vehicles.

Rhino President Dave Mueller stated, "The makeup of our armed forces is so diverse, the military needed a product that would allow a 5th percentile female to lower and raise a spare tire, without risk of injury. The spare for these units can weigh up to 163 pounds or 61 kilograms. It would normally take at least two individuals, man or woman, just to remove and replace the spare tire." The product would also have to handle the rigors of punishing terrain and abuse that these vehicles encounter on a daily basis.

"Since our escalated involvement in the Middle East, most Americans have sought out some way to support our armed forces. Rhino Industries, Inc. echoes those sentiments. Knowing that our product may accompany our troops will only further insure that this product will be built to the highest design and manufacturing standards", stated Mueller.

TACOM will begin testing at Aberdeen Proving Grounds May 10th, 2004. Once the testing is complete, Rhino Industries anticipates their Tire-Lift product to be a standard for all of the specified military units.

The Tire-Lift is a patented spare tire carrier that raises and lowers a tire in excess of 165 lbs with an electric or manual actuator. It is designed to swing out 180-degrees in order to access the rear of the vehicle without obstruction. The Tire-Lift product was issued US Patent 6,659,318 on December 2003.

For more information on this the Tire-Lift product and Rhino Industries go to www.tire-lift.com

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