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AirBoss Awarded Gas Mask Contract May 15, 2008

AirBoss of America Corp. has received notification from the Canadian Department of National Defense ('DND') that a standing offer contract has been awarded our defense products division, AirBoss-Defense, to supply C-4 gas masks.

The contract includes a base year and two option years. Estimated quantities are for 40,000 masks to be supplied in the base year and 25,000 masks in each of the option years. The total value of the contract, including options, is estimated at \$13.3 million. Production of the masks will begin immediately.

AirBoss of America Corp. develops, manufactures, and sells high quality, proprietary rubber-based products offering enhanced performance and productivity to transportation, military and industrial markets. With a capacity to supply over 250 million pounds of rubber annually to a diverse group of rubber manufacturers, AirBoss is also one of North America's largest custom rubber compounding companies. The Company's shares trade on the TSX under the symbol BOS. Visit www.airbossofamerica.com.

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