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## **From Pickups to the Pentagon: LINE-X® Corporation's Industrial Coatings Featured in FOX 5 TV Investigative Report**

### **Dramatic Bomb Blast Video Shows Serious Protection Benefits of Military-Approved Industrial Coating Now in Use at the Pentagon**

SANTA ANA, CA. (December 9, 2006) – What do millions of pickup trucks and the Pentagon have in common? Both are benefiting from the serious protection provided by LINE-X® Corporation, according to a new investigative report being broadcast this week by Fox 5 News (WNYW-TV) in New York.

LINE-X Corporation, well known among millions of truck owners for its durable spray-on truck bedliners, is steadily gaining recognition for its super-strength PAXCON® industrial coating, which is currently being used at the Pentagon as part of a multi-year reconstruction project following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

"What we're doing now has the potential to save lives," Steve Decker, Vice President of Operations for LINE-X, told Fox 5 News. "In a typical bomb blast, 80 percent of the casualty comes from fragmentation of the building. The whole concept behind the PAXCON product is to mitigate that fragmentation by containing it, and increasing the exit time for the occupants of the building."

A dramatic company video of a simulated bomb blast of two cinder block structures – one protected with the LINE-X product and one without – was being broadcast this week by Fox 5 TV starting with its Election Day (Nov. 7, 2006) coverage. In addition to the video, segment producers had their own cinder blocks coated with LINE-X, and then dropped them and non-coated blocks onto a concrete sidewalk



from the roof of a two-story building as part of a filmed demonstration. The LINE-X coated blocks had no damage upon impact, while the non-coated blocks shattered.

Today, LINE-X is focused on expanding applications of its industrial polymer coatings to include a wide range of blast mitigation applications, including helicopter pads, HMMWV (Humvees), and the coating of small-arms protective inserts for military ballistic vests currently being used by military personnel in high-risk areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

Naval applications include boat and submarine decks, and marine gangways. LINE-X polymer coating products have also been demonstrated to provide effective protection for numerous civil and peacetime applications such as flight simulators, storage cases and UAV launch trailers.

### **How it Protects**

The application of LINE-X's revolutionary product provides a seamless, flexible and ultra strong super-powerful coating to wood, metal, brick, mortar, block and virtually any other surface. The polymer coating remains flexible from -40° to 160°C, is abrasion-resistant, chemical-resistant, fire retardant, and meets all EPA emission levels for V.O.C's. Tests performed by the company using 200 pounds of TNT detonated at a 30-foot distance were shown to substantially reduce disintegration of building materials. In a separate test, a wall coated with the LINE-X industrial product remained intact up to a detonation equivalent of 1,000 pounds of TNT.

### **Military Approved**

Because of the increased emphasis on homeland security and anti-terrorism initiatives in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, LINE-X polymer coatings have been recognized by the U.S. military and the defense industry for their high levels of protection.



In 2003, LINE-X was selected to provide industrial coatings to the Pentagon following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Now about 50% completed, the Pentagon project could take an additional five years to complete. LINE-X's industrial coating is also being used at an undisclosed site in New York City, which suffered the largest losses in the 9/11 attack.

In 2001, the Air Force Research Laboratory released technical specs for using a LINE-X proprietary product for blast mitigation. A year later, the LINE-X blast mitigation product was statistically shown to outperform 27 other competitors in a battery of simulated tests by federal agencies and the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). The DOD officially named LINE-X as a vendor/supplier in the bomb blast protective coating category.

#### **About LINE-X**

Founded in 1993 and based in Santa Ana, California, LINE-X is a leader in the development, application and continual innovation of highly durable spray-on polyurethane/polyurea elastomer coatings for the truck/vehicle market, as well as commercial and industrial applications. LINE-X has more than 550 retail locations in 22 countries.

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