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AVON PROTECTION'S STRONG ENTRANCE INTO MILITARY DIVE MARKET

VR Technology Holdings Ltd, the Underwater Systems business of Avon Protection Systems, is pleased to announce the award of a further contract from the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl), following the announcement in October of a contract for diving rebreather design work.

The contract is for the supply of specialist diving equipment with a two year maintenance contract. VR Technology Holdings continues to support Dstl with this and other contracts under the Framework agreement for diving and specialist equipment projects.

Avon Protection entered the dive market this year following the acquisition of VR Technology Holdings Ltd. This is the third contract announcement and a strong performance in a new market for the global respiratory protection leader.

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About Avon Protection:

The market leader in respiratory protection system technology, Avon Protection works closely with professionals to understand and meet their changing personal protection equipment needs. Avon Protection offers a wide selection of high-performance, timesaving respiratory protection equipment which employ the most advanced features in the industry. Avon has been supplying respirators to the UK Ministry of Defence and other NATO allies since the 1920's. The company is the primary supplier of CBRN personal respiratory equipment to the United States Department of Defense, providing respiratory equipment to the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Special Operations Forces. Additionally, Avon Protection is the market leader among LE and SWAT users in the US. For more information about the company's products visit: www.avon-protection.com.