

NEWS RELEASE

MAY 2010. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate Explosives Division released a QUICK-LOOK Report on the Assessment of the Power Hawk P16 Rescue System integrated with the Remotec Andros F6A robotic platform (also known as the Power Hawk N.E.R.A.T. or Non-Energetic Remote Access Tool). Tele-operated access tools provide bomb technicians a means to remotely open vehicle doors, hoods, trunks and other load carrying areas or create portals for observation or render-safe tool applications at a safe distance away from an explosive threat. The DHS S&T assessment was conducted as part of a Bomb Squad Test Bed (BSTB) program with the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad in March 2010. The Quick Look Assessment Report outlines preliminary results of the Power Hawk NERAT against vehicles of various types and sizes to determine its efficacy in gaining rapid access to potential load-carrying areas where IEDs, bulk explosives, CBRN materials and/or associated triggering mechanisms may be concealed. The Report summarizes that “The NERAT performed very well allowing bomb technicians to perform rapid aggressive assessment in a way not previously possible for suspect large vehicles. It further allows operators to access locked vehicles including the trunk and hoods. The NERAT offers a significant improvement over existing capabilities to assess vehicle bomb threats.”

The Inter-Agency Board recently modified the language in *Category 02EX-02-RBTL-Attachments/Tools, Robot* of the Standardized Equipment List to ensure it addresses emerging VBIED response capabilities such as the Power Hawk NERAT. It is anticipated this language will be adopted by the FEMA Authorized Equipment List which will allow purchase of the NERAT with grant funding. The complete NERAT (which includes the Power Hawk P-16 Rescue System, adapter bracket, power supply / controller mount, robot receiver hitch, and arm cable harness) is commercially available from Northrup Grumman REMOTEC for their F6A/B, Wolverine and 5A1 robot platforms.

The Quick Look Assessment Report on the Power Hawk NERAT is for official use only (FOUO) and authorized recipients may obtain a copy via the TRIPwire System (www.tripwire.dhs.gov), which is operated by the Department of Homeland Security’s Office for Bombing Prevention (DHS/OBP).

About POWER HAWK Technologies, Inc.

POWER HAWK Technologies, Inc. is an employee-owned company located in Rockaway, New Jersey who manufactures and sells rescue tools and accessories and manual impact wrench products and accessories, that serve Fire and Emergency Services, Military, Government, Industrial, and Commercial markets. More information on Power Hawk Technologies can be found at www.powerhawk.com.