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OutBack Power Systems Receives Order for 109 FX Inverter/Chargers from US Army

ARLINGTON, Wash., May 19, 2006 – OutBack Power Systems Inc. is pleased to announce that The United States Army has requested an additional 109 sealed models of the FX Series Inverter/Charger following an initial order of 110 units in 2005.

Inverter/chargers are vital for running communications and electronic equipment critical to troop support and operations. The FX Series has proven itself in Army field testing, particularly in Iraq, where it withstands temperature extremes and exposure to saturating airborne dust, and has proven exceptional in outfitting Army applications on the front line.

The FX inverter/chargers are part of a continuing effort by the Army to outfit its armored personnel vehicles with reliable inverter/chargers that can stand up to unforgiving and unpredictable weather conditions. Jim Barbero, head of OutBack's Governmental, Industrial, OEM and Mobile segments states: "OutBack Power Systems has proven its reliability and serviceability in the harshest environments. The Army has reported zero failures in the field and unit commanders state that the OutBack equipment is exceptional in meeting its demanding power requirements in mobile operations."

"Our systems have produced positive results for many separate entities within the Armed Forces, Department of Defense and other high profile governmental and testing organizations," Barbero added. "Along with our continued scalability and focus on the customer needs, OutBack's position as the leader of power electronics equipment throughout the Army and other organizations will only increase."

Currently, OutBack Power Systems is being reviewed for seven major power electronic programs that could promote OutBack Power Systems to a level in which unit commands around the world would have access to OutBack equipment.

"OutBack is committed to our soldiers, Marines & sailors. With further relationships among key Army organizations, OutBack will respectfully continue to earn the Army's trust and continue to work towards becoming the U.S. Army's inverter family of choice for any power electronics application," Barbero stated.

The FX Series inverter/charger line manufactured by OutBack Power Systems in Arlington, WA is widely regarded to be the most rugged and technologically advanced battery-based inverter/charger product available. Integrating a true sine wave inverter with a multi-stage battery charger and AC transfer switch, the FX is a complete power solution. A unique design permits field serviceability by the system operator. The extensive FX line's applications include off-grid, back-up, grid-interactive, RV, marine, and industrial.

About OutBack Power Systems, Inc.

OutBack Power Systems, Inc. is a global designer and manufacturer of cutting-edge power conversion solutions that provide reliable electric power for the renewable energy, mobile, military, and backup power markets. OutBack Power's engineers have decades of power conversion electronics design and equipment installation experience and share a passion for leading the industry into a new era of performance, ease of use, and standardization. OutBack Power is a privately held corporation with almost 70 employees and is located in Arlington, Washington, with a European sales office in Barcelona, Spain.

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