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## **TVI Corporation Receives NIOSH Approval for Next Generation Powered Air Respirator System**

*PureAir Bio-Response Kit is Company's  
First PAPR Product Entry Into the First Responder and Hospital Markets*

**GLENN DALE, MD – March 8, 2006** – TVI Corporation (NASDAQ: TVIN), a global supplier of rapidly deployable first responder systems for homeland security, hospitals, the military, police and fire departments, and public health agencies, today announced it has received National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) approval for its PureAir Bio-Response Kit™. The PureAir Bio-Response Kit is a powered air purifying respirator (PAPR) designed by TVI's SafetyTech™ subsidiary.

"NIOSH approval of the PureAir system is a substantial achievement for TVI as it affords us an opportunity to target the hospital, healthcare and EMS markets," stated Richard V. Priddy, President and Chief Executive Officer of TVI Corporation. "All of our previous generation PAPRs had been designed for military applications. The hospital, healthcare and EMS markets are very large and growing markets that currently are vastly underserved.

"NIOSH understood the need for this type of product in the marketplace, and worked closely with our SafetyTech personnel to gain rapid approval," said Priddy. "This cooperative effort is reflective of SafetyTech's proven track record with NIOSH for approvals and the excellent relationship that they maintain.

"We have begun to aggressively market the PureAir Bio-Response Kit to the healthcare community," continued Priddy. "The system ensures the protection of hospital, laboratory and clean room staff against biological contaminants. We anticipate that this product line will be a strong contributor to revenues in late 2006."

## **About TVI Corporation**

TVI Corporation, located in Glenn Dale, Maryland, is a global supplier of rapidly deployable first responder systems for homeland security, hospitals, the military, police and fire departments and public health agencies. The Company designs, fabricates and markets products and systems both through distributors and directly to end-users and OEMs. These systems include chemical and biological decontamination systems, infection control systems, and powered air respirator systems for individuals. The Company's core systems are fabric shelter structures, which employ the Company's proprietary articulating frame. The Company also sells a line of thermal products, which includes targets, IFF (Identification Friend or Foe) devices, beacons and markers, and decoys.

During the past several years, TVI's product line has expanded to include Chem/Bio Isolation systems for hospitals and first responders, trailerized first responder products, crime scene investigation systems for police, and mobile hospitals. TVI's products, and others of their kind, represent integral components of a standard decontamination process.

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