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## **Spartan Chassis to Supply Key Components for Cougar Armored Vehicles**

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Recent Contract Second Largest Military Chassis Order in Company History

CHARLOTTE, Mich., Jan. 23 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Spartan Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), today announced it has received a subcontract order from Force Protection, Inc. to supply and integrate key chassis components and assist in the manufacturing of 155 Cougars for use by the U.S. Marine Corps.

The order placed with Spartan Chassis by Force Protection, a Charleston, S.C.-based manufacturer of ballistic and mine-protected military vehicles, is worth \$23.7 million. The contract is the second largest military chassis order for Spartan since it began supporting military defense efforts in 2005.

"Spartan Chassis is once again honored to be able to provide our specialty vehicle expertise to Force Protection," said Richard Schalter, president of Spartan Chassis. "This continued partnership significantly contributes to the compelling need of protecting the lives of those U.S. men and women that will utilize these vehicles, which are known for the unmatched level of troop safety they provide."

The prime procurement contract for approximately 200 vehicles, worth an estimated \$214 million, was awarded to Force Protection by the U.S. Marine Corps and will be administered by the Marine Corps System Command.

The Cougar is a medium-sized, blast-protected vehicle produced in both four- and six-wheel configurations. The vehicle's V-shaped hull is designed to deflect the force of explosions away from passengers inside the armored hull. It can be customized for multiple tasks including urban patrol, route clearance support, troop transport, mine and explosive ordnance disposal, command and control, reconnaissance and as a lead convoy vehicle.

Force Protection's Buffalo and Cougar mine-protected vehicles have been deployed with U.S. and Allied forces since 2003 and have logged more than 1.6 million hours of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Pictures of the Cougar Armored Vehicle are available for download at [www.spartanchassis.com/PRESS/default.asp](http://www.spartanchassis.com/PRESS/default.asp).

About Spartan Chassis, Inc.:

Spartan Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom chassis for recreational vehicles, fire trucks and specialty vehicles. Spartan Motors, which also manufactures emergency rescue vehicles under the brand names of Crimson Fire, Crimson Fire Aerials and Road Rescue, reported sales of \$343.0 million in 2005 and is focused on becoming the premier manufacturer of

specialty vehicles and chassis in North America.

About Force Protection, Inc.:

Force Protection, Inc. (Nasdaq: FRPT) manufactures ballistic- and mine-protected vehicles through its wholly owned subsidiary. These specialty vehicles are protected against landmines, hostile fire, and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs, commonly referred to as roadside bombs). Force Protection's mine and ballistic protection technologies are among the most advanced in the world. The vehicles are manufactured outside Charleston, S.C.

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