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ANSELL INTRODUCES TRELLCHEM® ACT – PROTECTIVE SUIT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CBRN TERRORISM RESPONDERS

5 November 2014, Trelleborg, Sweden - Ansell, a global leader in protection solutions, today announces the US launch of TRELLCHEM ACT, a new protective solution for law enforcement responders dealing with consequences of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) terrorism incidents. The garment is intended for use in all CBRN terrorism environments, including the Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health zone (IDLH) and is certified according the American standard NFPA 1994 Class 2.

Duties of the law enforcement community have become much more complex and challenging with the realization of new kind of threats, as introduced by the 9/11 attacks in 2001. Today, law enforcement teams on all national levels are expected to take active roles in the response to terrorism and potential terrorist threats. The personal protective equipment (PPE) used by these responders consequently needs to be adapted to fulfill the special demands and requirements set forth by close contact with various CBRN substances, while at the same time not limiting the ability for adequate response. To be truly effective, PPE equipment intended for safekeeping of law enforcement personnel must consider and put focus on both garment material, as well as garment design and comfort.

“With TRELLCHEM ACT, Ansell is expanding its protective clothing offering in a new and exciting direction” says François le Jeune, Senior Vice President Business Development and Transformational Initiatives at Ansell. “By combining our unique knowledge of protective clothing solutions with user comfort requirements, we are helping to protect these brave responders in their most challenging missions.”

Trellchem ACT is developed with a system-level perspective to offer law enforcement and other CBRN terrorism response teams the best possible protection and comfort when engaging in incidents involving high levels of CBRN hazards where concentrations are recognized to be at IDLH levels (lethal). The Trellchem ACT suit is made from a strong, durable and lightweight technical fabric with a fluoro-based barrier film. Wearer comfort is high and noise level from being active in the suit is at a minimum. Besides the safety aspect provided by the suit material, the ensemble has a range of standard features to elevate comfort for the wearer. The suit is equipped with an elasticated waist for good fit, shoulder paddings to ease the discomfort from the SCBA load, and an external neck

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strap fitted to obtain individually optimal comfort of the hood. The mask seal of the hood is uniquely cut in a 3D shape to bring maximum safety and fit around the BA face mask. Gloves are offered with dual attachment options, which can either be permanently fixed to the suit, or optimally attached with the Trellchem® Bayonet glove ring system, offering quick, safe, and simple glove replacement. Additional optional features for increased comfort include pockets and elbow/knee padding.

The ACT ensemble fulfils NFPA 1994 (class 2), 2012 edition and consists of garment, gloves, and footwear tested and certified as one protective system, with a manufacturer specified CBRN respiratory protective device. For the Trellchem ACT ensemble, SCBA units by both Scott and MSA has been certified and approved for use, along with Onguard Hazmax® boots as protective footwear.

More information on Trellchem ACT can be found at <http://protective.ansell.com/en/Products/Trellchem>.

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