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Jerome M. Hauer

Chief Executive Officer, The Hauer Group

Mr. Hauer, age 55, has served as a member of our board of directors since June 2004. Mr. Hauer is recognized as one of the nation's leading experts on bioterrorism and emergency preparedness, with over 20 years of experience in emergency management. Mr. Hauer currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of The Hauer Group LLC, a consulting firm. Previously, Mr. Hauer served as Senior Vice President, Fleishman-Hillard Government Relations from January 2005 to March 2006. He previously served as Executive Director of the Response to Emergencies and Disasters Institute (READI) and Associate Professor, School of Public Health at The George Washington University from November 2003 to October 2004. During the events of September 11, 2001 and the nation's anthrax crisis that followed, Mr. Hauer served as Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) for National Security and Emergency Management from June 2001 to November 2003. In June 2002, HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson named Mr. Hauer as Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness. In this role, Mr. Hauer was responsible for coordinating the country's medical and public health preparedness and response to emergencies, including acts of biological, chemical and nuclear terrorism. Prior to serving at HHS, Mr. Hauer worked with Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani as the first Director of the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management for New York City, charged with coordinating the city's emergency response plans from February 1996 to March 2000. Mr. Hauer is a member of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health's Health Advisory Board and has served on the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine's Committee to Evaluate R&D Needs for Improved Civilian Medical Response to Chemical or Biological Terrorism Incidents. Mr. Hauer is the recipient of numerous honors, including the Outstanding Alumni of the Year from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, the Indiana Commendation Medal for Exceptional Meritorious Service, the Legion of Hoosier Heroes Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award from NYU. He also is a member of the New York City Police Department's Honor Legion, and is an honorary Assistant Chief in the New York City Fire Department. Mr. Hauer graduated from New York University with a B.A. degree in psychology and history and from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health with a Master's degree.

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