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Sam Sher Joins SPARTA Composite Products as Manager of Business Development

SAN DIEGO, October 1 2008 – SPARTA Composite Products (SPARTA) is a business unit of SPARTA Inc., a subsidiary of Cobham North America. SPARTA is pleased to announce that Samuel Sher has accepted a position as Business Development Manager, reporting to Joel Zuieback, Director of New Business and Program Development. In this capacity Sam will seek new business in the Military and Commercial Aircraft sectors.

Sam has successfully led Sales and Marketing teams in the fast paced, high stress, and results-oriented aerospace and high-tech environments. He is proficient in materials and processes and is known as an expert in product and business launch. Sam comes to SPARTA from YLA, Inc. Advanced Composite Materials (now Ten Cate), where, as Director Marketing and Business Development, he led the company's tactical and strategic efforts in prepreg manufacturing and compression molding through a period of significant growth. Prior to YLA, Sam was a Senior Director of a business unit of Applied Materials, the world's leading semiconductor equipment manufacturer. At Applied Materials, he was responsible for the proliferation of "best of breed" hardware and software automation solutions. Sam began his career with Saint Gobain, where he was awarded four U.S. patents for novel environmental sampling devices and construction products.

Sam has an MBA in Management from Adelphi University and a BS from State University New York. He also completed the Columbia University Graduate School of Business, Executive Strategic Management Program.

Paul Oppenheim said, "in addition to organic growth in our current market sectors, SPARTA has launched a major initiative on growing our business into aircraft structural components and sub-assemblies, both for the commercial and defense industries. Sam possesses a strong background and many years of developing contacts in these industries, and he will be principally focused on expanding our business in these areas. We are proud to have a person of Sam's caliber and experience on our side."

SPARTA Composite Products is a business unit of SPARTA, Inc. and is an industry leader in high-volume production of composite products and sub-assemblies for aerospace and commercial systems. The company's product areas include aircraft engine components, UAV components, aircraft components, munition components and missile products. SPARTA specializes in compression molding, RTM and hand layup/autoclave cure. SPARTA, Inc. is a systems engineering and advanced technology company headquartered in Lake Forest, CA. The corporation is dedicated to serving our nation's needs within our



core business areas of strategic defense and offense systems, tactical weapons systems, space systems, and information systems.

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