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## **Georgia Company's Products 'Clear the Air' Following NY City and Washington, DC Terrorism.**

Duluth, GA—1/02 Abatement Technologies, Inc. reports a significant increase in the demand for its IAQ remediation products in the areas near Ground Zero in New York City, and in Washington, DC.

The Duluth, Georgia based manufacturer also reports an increase, throughout North America, in the overall demand for its high efficiency air filtration devices for commercial, industrial, HVAC, governmental and residential applications.

A leader in the indoor air quality business since 1985, the company's products are used by more than 5,000 HVAC, environmental abatement and mechanical contractors, and by more than 1,000 hospitals in North America alone, and in more than 50 countries world wide, according to David Shagott, Abatement Technologies' president.

### **Cleaning Up After 9/11.**

As for the cleanup efforts in New York and Washington, Mr. Shagott states: "The initial demand was primarily from environmental abatement contractors for our *HEPA-AIRE*® products, used for various cleanup and facility restoration efforts. This includes negative air filtration systems for asbestos and lead abatement; equipment for cleaning and decontaminating air duct and HVAC systems in commercial and residential buildings; and, portable air scrubbers and other products for mold remediation. Now, we are also starting to see more orders for products that help prevent facility contamination or recontamination. This includes our *HEPA-CARE*® HEPA filtration systems for commercial facilities and *CAP*® Central Air Purifiers for residential buildings."

### **Helping Hospitals Prepare For Bioterrorism.**

Demand for the company's products from healthcare facilities and commercial building owners and managers concerned about biological pollutants has been especially strong since the recent anthrax scares according to David Willyard, Abatement's vice president of sales. "Our *HEPA-CARE* systems are Class II medical devices, designed to exceed the engineering controls requirements outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for tuberculosis isolation rooms. These devices are equipped with specially designed gel-seal HEPA filters that are individually tested and certified to capture at least 99.99% of 0.3-micron particles."

While Abatement does not make any efficacy claims against anthrax or smallpox, Mr. Willyard is confident that Abatement’s *HEPA-CARE* systems can be effective: “Keep in mind that the similarities between TB and anthrax, for example, are striking. Both are rod-shaped, gram-positive bacteria, typically one to five microns in size. It would seem logical that similar ‘TB isolation room’ principles can be effectively applied to anthrax.”

**Combining Germicidal UV And HEPA Filtration.**

Mr. Shagott also expressed concerns that some in the industry are making overreaching product claims: “There are some really over-the-top ‘kill claims’ out there for some germicidal UV products’ effectiveness against anthrax and smallpox. I doubt that many, if any, of these claims can be verified by meaningful, ‘real life’ efficacy studies, and I’m pleased to hear that the government is starting to crack down on misleading claims.”

“Abatement’s engineering and design staff believes germicidal UV is a viable IAQ technology, but that it is more effective when used in conjunction with other technologies. “In commercial applications where biological contaminants may be a concern we prefer to combine UV with HEPA filtration, as opposed to offering stand-alone UV units. Even then, we rely on the HEPA filters to provide primary protection, with UV as a ‘backup’ system so to speak” . Mr. Willyard adds: “This position is verified in the CDC TB guidelines, which state that ‘there is no proof that HEPA filtration plus UV provides an increased level of protection over HEPA filtration alone.”

**“Safe Rooms” For Commercial Facilities.**

Mr. Willyard also notes that Abatement Technologies has developed new models specifically for use in commercial office buildings. Marketed by American Air Filter, under the ‘Air Shelter’ trade name, these HEPA-filtered systems can be used to quickly and economically convert conference rooms or offices into positive pressure ‘safe rooms’, or to place mailrooms and mail sorting areas under negative pressure. Air Shelter systems have already been installed in a number of commercial and governmental facilities throughout the United States.

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