

# STRATEGIC OPERATIONS

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## NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### PAUL FLAVELL NAMED INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGIC OPERATIONS – WORLD WIDE LEADER IN HYPER-REALISTIC™ TRAINING

#### *Company Announces North American Expansion with New Canadian and East Coast Offices*

SAN DIEGO – February 8, 2010 – Strategic Operations (STOPS), a San Diego-based company specializing in Hyper-Realistic™ training environments for military, has announced that Paul Flavell has been appointed International Projects Director. In addition, the company has established Strategic Operations Tactical Training Canada in Coronation, Alberta, and has opened a new East Coast office in Herndon, Virginia.

In his new position, Flavell is responsible for International Business Development and Sales, International Business Program Management and International Marketing Oversight.

Flavell graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and was Commissioned into the British Army Infantry in 1991. His early service included a wide range of Platoon Commander appointments in both training and operational roles. As a trainer he has been employed at every level from individual, Battle group level and beyond, and is an expert in the safe conduct of all arms Battlegroup live fire training and COIN. In staff appointments, he was employed as the principal staff officer responsible for operational planning and also in intelligence roles at Brigade, Divisional and Joint Task Force level. He received formal staff training at the UK Defence Academy on the Advanced Command and Staff Course (ACSC) and was awarded the post nominals psc(j) and a Masters degree in Defence Studies.

Flavell was employed in all command appointments from operations to Company Commander. His extensive operational experience includes multiple tours of Northern Ireland, the Balkans, Sierra Leone, Iraq and Afghanistan. He retired from the UK Army in February 2010.

STOPS Tactical Training Canada, a subsidiary of US-based Strategic Operations, will offer its unique brand of Hyper Realistic™ training support products and services to the Canadian military market.

STOPS new office in Herndon, VA, managed by Vice President of Special Programs Curtis Watts, will provide direct support to all STOPS Hyper-Realistic training and programs on behalf of the US Department of Defense. The office will take lead role for all Special Programs with additional responsibility to liaise and provide direct program support to other Federal Government agencies as well as capabilities briefing and information to the Foreign Embassies.

"The appointment of Paul Flavell to International Projects Director in conjunction with the opening of two new offices are important steps in our company's North American and worldwide growth," said Kit Lavell, Executive Vice President for STOPS.

#### **About Strategic Operations, Inc.**

Strategic Operations, on the lot of Stu Segall Productions, San Diego's only full-service TV / movie studio, provides "Hyper-Realistic™" training services and products for military, law enforcement and other organizations responsible for homeland security. Strategic Operations employs state-of-the-art Hollywood battlefield special effects, combat wound effects, role player actors, subject matter experts, construction, transformation and enhancement of military ranges, mobile MOUT facilities and specialized equipment, including live fire targets to create training environments that are the most unique in the industry. Since 2002, Strategic Operations has provided training support to more than 450,000 military personnel prior to deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information, visit [www.strategic-operations.com](http://www.strategic-operations.com).

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