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## **Avon Protection General Service Respirator now in service with UK MOD**

Avon Protection is pleased to announce that the UK MOD General Service Respirator ('GSR') is now in production and work has begun to deliver the first order.

Avon Protection was awarded the 5-year contract to resupply and in-service support for the GSR in February 2018. After a year of development, samples of the GSR were provided to DSTL for laboratory testing and User evaluation. These tests were successfully passed and the GSR was accepted into service in September.

Avon Protection received the first order for respirators and spares at the beginning of October.

To meet the needs of full-scale production, two new manufacturing lines have been created to assemble the respirator and filter systems. The £16 million contract has created 22 new jobs at Avon Protection - three management and nineteen shop-floor production - as well as helping to sustain their 180 employees in Melksham, Wiltshire."

This contract showcases the joint efforts between the CBRN team at DE&S, Avon Protection, DSTL and the User.

Paul McDonald, Chief Executive Officer for Avon Protection, said:

"We are delighted to support the UK MOD and service personnel with the GSR respirator and we look forward to continuing a long-term relationship with this strategically important customer. This contract demonstrates the UK MOD's continued confidence and reliance on Avon Protection to supply product of the highest quality and performance to protect its troops."

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Over our 130 year history of innovation, design and engineering, Avon Protection have exclusively focused on the military, law enforcement, firefighting and industrial markets. Understanding the unique requirements of these specialist, high threat, user groups has enabled Avon Protection to become the recognised global market leader for respiratory products in this field.

Our capabilities include the design, development, test and manufacture of respirators, filters, escape hoods, powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs), self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hybrid systems, thermal imaging cameras, dive computers and closed circuit rebreathers. This depth of specialisation and understanding has ensured that Avon Protection's customers place their trust in our products to shield them from every possible threat, in the most demanding of environments.

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