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Sceptor Industries Is Listed in Entrepreneur Magazine's "Hot 100" Fastest-Growing Entrepreneurial Companies in the U.S.

Kansas City Company Is Number 16 in Magazine's 11th Annual List

KANSAS CITY, MO (June 2, 2005) — Sceptor Industries (www.sceptorindustries.com) is named as one of the nation's 100 fastest-growing new entrepreneurial companies in the June 2005 issue of Entrepreneur magazine. The Kansas City company, ranked number 16 in the magazine's 11th annual "Hot 100," provides portable aerosol collectors (often called air samplers) and related products to military, homeland security, and commercial organizations for use in the detection of airborne biohazards, chemical contaminants, explosives, and other particulate matter.

Sceptor was formed in December, 2001 by Richard S. Jarman, its CEO, and two other founding members. By the end of 2004 the company had grown to 13 employees, with sales of \$18.7 million for the year.

The 11th Annual Hot 100 listing of fast-growing new businesses was compiled with assistance from D&B, a provider of global business information, tools and insight. Entrepreneur collected information and financial statements from up-and-coming entrepreneurial companies pulled from D&B's massive database. Entrepreneur then measured each company's sales growth from the date of inception, listing the businesses in growth order.

Jarman credits the company's focus for its success. "The secret is to know your niche in the market thoroughly, and be better at serving it than anyone else," he says.

Sceptor's growth reflects the increasing public concern about the threat posed by biological substances, chemicals, and other hazardous materials getting into the air after a natural or manmade disaster, or as part of a terrorist attack. Once the contaminants are in the air, rapid sampling is crucial, so that experts can determine their exact nature and prepare a response.

According to Jarman, Sceptor's collectors meet that need. "We've built our sample collectors around SpinCon[®] technology, which is faster and more accurate than other current

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technologies,” he said. “It’s the method used by military organizations and government agencies responsible for responding to biothreats.”

In addition to SpinCon[®]-based sample collectors, Sceptor offers the BioSim[™] simulants for testing the performance of collect and detect systems. Sceptor has also begun work on an innovative handheld electrostatic collector.

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About Sceptor Industries

Sceptor Industries (www.sceptorindustries.com) is a privately held corporation focusing on biological and chemical safety. Sceptor provides a unique blend of program management and life science expertise, and has proven ability to develop and deploy superior biological and chemical defense technologies for civilian, military and Homeland Defense requirements.