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Via Facsimile

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**Re: Safety Notices In Connection With Tri-Flex And
Ultima And Ultimax Vests With Performance Pacs**

Dear Tom:

With this letter you will find safety notices that were mailed yesterday by Second Chance to those customers it is able to identify who purchased either Tri-Flex vests or had received Performance Pac remedies in connection with the Ultima and Ultimax vests. Also enclosed is a press release that was issued today. The reason for the safety notices is articulated in the notices themselves and, also, in the attached press release.

I will be happy to discuss this issue with you during the conference call tomorrow afternoon.

Very truly yours,

Douglas E. Wagner

(Signed in his absence to avoid delay.)

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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE – TRI-FLEX VEST WEARER

Dear Tri-Flex Vest Wearer:

Our concern over the degradation of body armor constructed from Zylon® fiber is well known within the law enforcement community. As the concealable body armor industry leader for over 30 years, we were the first manufacturer to conduct a comprehensive performance evaluation of used vests made from Zylon® and the first to give notice of a potential safety problem.

Independent laboratory testing on used Tri-Flex vests to date have not demonstrated a drop in performance below that to be expected in light of NIJ standards. However, used vest testing no longer appears to be a satisfactory way to determine the reliability of Zylon vests.

We have recently received new information from a technical expert advising us that even those products that only partially rely on the stability and strength of Zylon® fabric may be subject to unexpected failure. In light of this new information, we are no longer confident that our Tri-Flex products, which contain up to 31% Zylon® by weight, will perform to expectations for the life of the original warranty period.

AS A RESULT, AND DUE TO A POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH, SECOND CHANCE RECOMMENDS THAT YOU TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REPLACE YOUR TRI-FLEX VEST, WHICH SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM SERVICE ONLY AFTER YOU HAVE OBTAINED A REPLACEMENT.

The mechanism of failure is known as "hydrolysis," which is a form of degradation that occurs in individual Zylon® fibers used in the construction of soft body armor. We believe this condition is inherent to all of the Zylon® fiber products supplied for use in the manufacture of ballistic vests. The fact that this hydrolytic degradation can result in a sudden, dramatic or catastrophic loss of tensile strength, critical to the performance of our product, only became known to us on May 17, 2005. We have been informed that this sudden loss of tensile strength will vary with individual use and environmental conditions, but could occur within our warranty period even under normal use conditions. While our analysis of Tri-Flex vests in current use indicates modest loss of performance as compared with new products, we have learned that there is no reliable way to predict when the Zylon® fibers might reach the point of failure. We have therefore decided to provide this safety notice even though there have been no field failures reported.

We recognize that you will expect a full and immediate remedy as a result of this notification to remove your Tri-Flex vest from service. Unfortunately, the financial consequences that have resulted from our use of Zylon® fiber have forced us into a bankruptcy reorganization proceeding. We will petition the bankruptcy court and ask that it approve a procedure for presenting claims that may result from this new information. You will be notified once a procedure is established. We did not want to delay this notice while a claims procedure was being developed.

For more information please visit our website at www.secondchance.com, or call 1-800-828-VEST.

NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT TO US THAN YOUR SAFETY.



**IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE – ULTIMA AND ULTIMAX VEST WEARER
WITH PERFORMANCE PACS**

Dear Ultima and Ultimax Vest Wearer with Performance Pacs:

Our concern over the degradation of body armor constructed from Zylon® fiber is well known within the law enforcement community. As the concealable body armor industry leader for over 30 years, we were the first manufacturer to conduct a comprehensive performance evaluation of used vests made from Zylon® and the first to give notice of a potential safety problem.

Independent laboratory testing conducted on the Performance Pac enhancement previously gave us confidence that the Ultima and Ultimax vests would perform as originally warranted. However, used vest testing with the Performance Pac enhancements no longer appears to be a satisfactory way to determine the reliability of these products.

We have recently received new information from a technical expert advising us that even those products that only partially rely on the stability and strength of Zylon® fabric may be subject to unexpected failure. In light of this new information, we are no longer confident that our Ultima and Ultimax products, even when enhanced with non-Zylon® ballistic Performance Pacs, will perform to expectations for the life of the original warranty period.

AS A RESULT, AND DUE TO A POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH, SECOND CHANCE RECOMMENDS THAT YOU TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REPLACE YOUR ULTIMA OR ULTIMAX VEST, EVEN IF IT IS ENHANCED BY PERFORMANCE PACS. YOUR VEST SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM SERVICE AFTER YOU HAVE OBTAINED A REPLACEMENT.

The mechanism of failure is known as "hydrolysis," which is a form of degradation that occurs in individual Zylon® fibers used in the construction of soft body armor. We believe this condition is inherent to all of the Zylon® fiber products supplied for use in the manufacture of ballistic vests. The fact that this hydrolytic degradation can result in a sudden, dramatic or catastrophic loss of tensile strength, critical to the performance of our product, only became known to us on May 17, 2005. We have been informed that this sudden loss of tensile strength will vary with individual use and environmental conditions, but could occur within our warranty period even under normal use conditions. While testing conducted by Second Chance on the Performance Pac enhancement gave us confidence that the Ultima and Ultimax vests would perform as originally warranted, in light of this new information on the potential for a sudden, catastrophic degradation of Zylon® fibers, we can no longer be sure of performance during the remaining period of our product warranty. We have therefore decided to provide this safety notice even though there have been no field failures reported. For information on testing conducted by the National Institute of Justice on Zylon® vests with Performance Pacs you should visit <https://vests.ojp.gov>.

We recognize that you will expect a full and immediate remedy as a result of this notification to remove from service your Ultima or Ultimax vest with enhanced Performance Pac protection. Unfortunately, the financial consequences that have resulted from our use of Zylon® fiber have forced us into a bankruptcy reorganization proceeding. We will petition the bankruptcy court and ask that it approve a procedure for presenting claims that may result from this new information. You will be notified once a procedure is established. We did not want to delay this notice while a claims procedure was being developed.

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SECOND CHANCE
BODY ARMOR
We save lives.

For Immediate Release

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Second Chance Recommends Safety Officers Replace Zylon® Vests
*Nation's Largest Maker of Body Armor Warns of Potential for
Premature Failure of Body Armor Containing Zylon*

Central Lake, Michigan, June 22, 2005 – In a decision to protect the lives of public safety officers, Second Chance Body Armor is recommending the immediate replacement of any of its bullet-resistant vests containing Zylon® fiber.

The country's largest manufacturer of body armor has issued two safety notices to police departments across the nation after new research from one of the nation's leading polymer chemists has shown that protective vests constructed only partially from Zylon may fail to perform and result in serious injury or death. The safety notices, which are available at www.secondchance.com, urge all officers who own and wear Tri-Flex vests or Ultima and Ultimax vests with Performance Pacs to replace these vests immediately with products that do not contain Zylon.

The safety notices will affect approximately 58,000 Tri-Flex vests and an additional 40,000 Ultima and Ultimax vests with Performance Pacs. Until the affected vests are replaced, officers should continue to wear their vests.

Second Chance, which is currently going through a reorganization in the bankruptcy court, plans to petition the bankruptcy court for a procedure for police departments and safety officers to present claims that may result from this new information. Additionally, Second Chance has contacted the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program to request that this federally funded program take immediate action to help with financing replacement vests.

“While Second Chance has not received any reports of field failures of the products in question, we felt it was our obligation to report these new research findings immediately,” said Matt Davis, vice president of sales and marketing. “The safety and well-being of all the officers who wear our body armor is of primary importance to Second Chance and we strongly encourage all officers to replace ballistic vests that contain Zylon as quickly as possible.

“The problems associated with Zylon are not specific to Second Chance – these problems are industry-wide and demand an industry-wide solution. We have approached the National Institute of Justice, which is involved in an ongoing investigation of Zylon-based body armor, with our concerns. Additionally, we are aggressively pursuing litigation against the fiber's manufacturer, Toyobo Co., Ltd., in an effort to recover funds that can be used to provide a remedy to affected police departments and safety officers.”

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Zylon first debuted in the body armor industry in the late 1990s as a lighter and more wearable alternative to aramid fabrics such as Kevlar®. After extensive testing by both Second Chance and Toyobo, Second Chance introduced its first products using Zylon in 1998.

In September 2003, ongoing testing of used vests containing only Zylon showed degradation problems with the fiber that potentially shortened the wearable life of the vest. Based on these tests, Second Chance was the first manufacturer to recall vests made entirely of Zylon – a decision echoed by its top competitors within the next two years. Products that contain a blend of Zylon and other protective fibers were not implicated in this research and remained on the market.

The recall, which affected more than 130,000 vests, pushed Second Chance into bankruptcy proceedings in October 2004 and prompted numerous lawsuits. Additionally, the National Institute of Justice launched an industry-wide investigation in November 2003 into the vulnerability of Zylon-based bullet-resistant vests.

In the course of this investigation, Second Chance's legal counsel has retained a leading polymer chemist, formerly of Dow Chemical, to analyze the Zylon fiber used to construct the vests to see if he could identify the cause of premature aging. These test results showed the presence of inordinately high levels of residual process acids – up to eight times the desired level – in the Zylon manufactured by Toyobo. These process acids can lead to a sudden and dramatic loss of tensile strength, even under normal conditions.

This process, which is called “hydrolytic degradation,” potentially reduces the efficacy of the protective nature of the clothing. After carefully reviewing these results with the Department of Justice, Second Chance decided to issue safety notices on its remaining products that contain Zylon.

“These test results lead us to believe that even products that contain relatively low percentages of Zylon by weight may fail to perform as expected,” Davis said. “In our line of business, any potential failure is unacceptable, and we moved immediately to alert our customers – and others within our industry – of this problem.

“In 2003, Second Chance took the lead on the Zylon issue because it was the right thing to do. As new and more detailed information has become available, we are once again taking the lead and speaking out against the use of Zylon in body armor.”

About Second Chance Body Armor

Based in Central Lake, Michigan, Second Chance Body Armor is the nation's largest manufacturer of modern, wearable, concealable body armor. The Company offers a broad line of corrections armor, tactical armor, special-purpose armor and other ballistic plates, shields and helmets designed to protect and preserve lives. For more information, go to www.secondchance.com.

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