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## **Coghlin Companies' Columbia Tech Earns International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) Registration**

*US-based contract manufacturer expands military, defense and homeland security capabilities with US military certification*

**WORCESTER, Mass. – May 5, 2009** – Columbia Tech, a US-based turnkey contract manufacturer, today announced its International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) registration from the US Department of State, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. ITAR – a set of regulations designed to control the manufacture, export and transfer of defense articles, information, and services – ensures that military technologies are shared solely with US persons, unless the Department of State grants special approval to do otherwise.

Columbia Tech has the knowledge and understanding to comply with ITAR and has corporate procedures and controls in place to ensure compliance. Columbia Tech is now recognized by the US Department of State's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), which administers the ITAR registration under authority established by the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), to work in conjunction with the US military. This registration validates the company's commitment to handle ITAR-protected products according to specific regulations.

“We have a growing customer base in the military and defense industries, so many of our customers come to us for help with extremely sensitive projects,” said Richard Schulman, VP Quality and ITAR Technology Control Officer, Columbia Tech. “The ITAR registration will enable us to extend our work with these customers to projects that require exceptionally high levels of security and confidentiality.”

For more information about Columbia Tech, please visit [www.columbiatech.com](http://www.columbiatech.com)

### **About Columbia Tech**

Columbia Tech provides the highest degree of manufacturing excellence for customers seeking turnkey manufacturing and global fulfillment services. Its business model contains a unique blend of front-end DFM and NPI services combined with worldwide purchasing leverage and customized manufacturing programs renowned for extreme flexibility and attentiveness to detail.

### **About Coghlin Companies, Inc.**

Coghlin Companies, Inc. is a privately held company in Worcester, Massachusetts, spanning four generations for over 120 years. Subsidiaries include: Columbia Tech, which provides turnkey manufacturing services to a diverse customer base, including OEM's in the telecommunication, semiconductor, machine tool, medical device, analytical, data storage, and networking industries; DCI Engineering, which is an engineering services company; Coghlin Precision, a precision

machining and certified welding company; and most recently established Cogmedix, an FDA compliant medical and clinical device contract manufacturer. For more information, please visit our web site at [www.coglincompanies.com](http://www.coglincompanies.com).

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