

WHO'S NEWS

BlastGard Taps Bremer to Focus On Defense, Government Markets

Paul Bremer, former head of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, joined BlastGard International Inc., a Clearwater, Fla., maker of blast-mitigation materials, as a director and lobbyist with an eye on opportunities within the government and Defense Department.

Mr. Bremer, 65 years old, served as presidential envoy to Iraq from May 2003 until June 2004. In January, he published a memoir on his experiences on the job, "My Year in Iraq: The Struggle to Build a Future of Hope."



Paul Bremer

In addition to joining BlastGard's board, Mr. Bremer will provide service as an adviser on business-planning issues, focusing on Defense Department budget trends, acquisition policies, service priorities, changes in war-fighting doctrines and opportunities within the government, the company said.

BlastGard makes a product called BlastWrap, designed to mitigate blast effects and suppress postblast fires. Mr. Bremer said he will work with BlastGard "in getting this technology introduced to key decision makers."

The company's board increased to six members.

Mr. Bremer previously served as chairman and chief executive officer with Marsh Crisis Consulting Co. and is the founder and president of Lincoln/Douglass Scholarship Foundation. In 2004 he was awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, for his service in Iraq.