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ARMOR HOLDINGS, INC. AND STEWART & STEVENSON SERVICES, INC. ANNOUNCE EARLY TERMINATION OF HART-SCOTT-RODINO WAITING PERIOD

Jacksonville, FL and Houston, TX April 19, 2006 Armor Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: AH) and Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc. (NYSE: SVC) today announced that the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission have granted early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, in connection with Armor Holdings' pending acquisition of Stewart & Stevenson. As previously announced, Armor Holdings and Stewart & Stevenson have entered into a definitive merger agreement in which Armor Holdings would acquire all of the outstanding common stock of Stewart & Stevenson for \$35.00 per share in cash.

The proposed transaction remains subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including approval by Stewart & Stevenson's shareholders. Stewart & Stevenson has scheduled a special meeting of shareholders for May 9, 2006, to vote upon the proposed transaction. Shareholders of record as of the close of business on April 5, 2006 will be entitled to vote at the special meeting. The transaction is expected to close promptly after the special meeting.

On April 7, 2006, Stewart & Stevenson commenced mailing to shareholders and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission definitive proxy materials in connection with the merger agreement. Shareholders are encouraged to read Stewart & Stevenson's definitive proxy materials in their entirety as they provide, among other things, a detailed discussion of the process that led to the proposed merger and the reasons behind the Stewart & Stevenson Board of Directors' unanimous recommendation that shareholders vote FOR the approval and adoption of the merger agreement and the merger.

About Armor Holdings, Inc.

Armor Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: AH) is a diversified manufacturer of branded products for the military, law enforcement, and personnel safety markets. Additional information can be found at www.armorholdings.com.

About Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc.

Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc., founded in 1902, is primarily engaged in the design, manufacture and service of medium and light tactical vehicles for the U.S. Army and others worldwide. Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc. is not affiliated with Stewart & Stevenson LLC. For more information on Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc., visit <http://www.ssss.com>.

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Forward Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed herein constitute forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These statements may be identified through the use of words such as anticipates, believes, plans, potentially, expects, intends, future, and similar expressions. These risks and uncertainties are described in Armor Holdings, Inc. s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including Armor Holdings, Inc. s Registration Statement on Form S-3, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and most recently filed Forms 8-K and Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc. s filings with the SEC, including Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2006, which are available at the SEC s web site at www.sec.gov.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed merger transaction with Armor Holdings, Stewart & Stevenson has filed a definitive proxy statement with the SEC to be used to solicit shareholder approval of the proposed transaction, as well as other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction. **Stewart & Stevenson shareholders are urged to read the definitive proxy statement regarding the proposed transaction and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, because they contain important information about Stewart & Stevenson, the proposed transaction and related matters.** You can obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement, as well as other filings containing information about Stewart & Stevenson with the SEC at the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. Copies of the definitive proxy statement and the SEC filings that will be incorporated by reference in the definitive proxy statement can also be obtained, when available, without charge, by directing a request to Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc., Investor Relations, P.O. Box 1637, Houston, Texas 77251 or at Stewart & Stevenson Services, Inc. s Investor Relations page on its corporate website at www.ssss.com. You can also contact Dan Burch or Charlie Koons of MacKenzie Partners, Inc., Stewart & Stevenson s proxy solicitor, if you have any questions relating to the transaction at 800-322-2885.

Stewart & Stevenson and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. Information regarding Stewart & Stevenson s directors and executive officers and the interests of those participants may be obtained by reading the proxy statement regarding the proposed merger and Stewart & Stevenson s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2006.

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