



## ATHLONE GLOBAL SECURITY NAMES TWO SEASONED VENTURE CAPITALISTS TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

New York and Annapolis—Oct. 10, 2006 – Athlone Global Security, Inc., a private equity group that invests in Israeli homeland security companies and helps them establish new markets for their products in the U.S. and Europe, announced today that two experienced venture capitalists and private equity investors, University of Maryland professor Charles O. Heller and Israeli venture capitalist Yaron Rosenboim have agreed to join its board of directors and investment committee. Athlone Global is based in New York and at the Chesapeake Innovation Center in Annapolis.

As members of the investment committee, along with President and CEO Gordon Hawke of AGS, Heller and Rosenboim will be responsible for selecting new investments. As members of the company's board, they will help manage AGS and its investment companies.

A successful entrepreneur, Charles O. Heller is president of an early-stage investment and management consulting firm, Annapolis Capital Group, and a professor at the University of Maryland Smith School of Business as well as a teacher of entrepreneurship at the Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland. A founder and CEO of two successful computer companies, he was managing partner of two venture capital funds and has a solid track record in successful VC fund management.

Based in Tel-Aviv, Israel, Yaron Rosenboim is a general partner of Concord Ventures, which invests in technology companies in Israel and the United States. He has analyzed and supervised investments in companies in Israel for more than ten years.

Gordon Hawke, president and CEO of Athlone Global Security, said, "These two new board members with outstanding credentials in the private equity investment business—one here in the United States and the other in Israel—give Athlone Global Security tremendous advantages in choosing investment companies and helping them develop their businesses. These two extraordinarily gifted and seasoned veterans of the venture capital business have ideal backgrounds to propel AGS forward in its mission to establish Israeli homeland security innovators here in the United States to enhance our national security."

At the University of Maryland, Heller is Professor of Practice-Entrepreneurship at the Smith School of Business. He has been associated with the University since 1990. From 2000 to 2003, he was general partner of Gabriel Venture Partners, an early-stage, bi-coastal, venture capital fund with \$260 million under management.

Through 1999, he was Director of the Dingman Center for Entrepreneurship at the Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, where he built one of the nation's top-ranked entrepreneurship centers. He joined the Dingman Center in 1990, following 18 years managing two computer industry companies. Dr. Heller received BS and MS degrees from Oklahoma State University and a Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America -- all in engineering. Early in his career, he was an engineer at Douglas Aircraft Company and Bell Telephone Laboratories. He lectured at UCLA and later became the youngest tenured faculty member at the U.S. Naval Academy (aerospace engineering).

In 1992, Ernst & Young/INC. magazine/Merrill Lynch named him Maryland "Entrepreneur of the Year." In 1998, digitalsouth magazine named him one of "The 50 Most Influential People in Southern Technology."

### **ABOUT ATHLONE GLOBAL SECURITY, INC.**

A pioneer in the homeland security venture marketplace, Athlone Global Security Inc. (AGS) invests in emerging growth companies specializing in imperative homeland security solutions. As private equity investors, the company seeks early stage homeland security companies, currently located in Israel, because of the breadth and sophistication of the homeland security expertise in that country. AGS has a team and infrastructure established in Tel Aviv. It also is located in New York and Toronto. For more information, [www.athloneglobalsecurity.com](http://www.athloneglobalsecurity.com)



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