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MEP Statement on January 2010 Afghanistan Shooting Incident

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Chantilly, VA – Mission Essential Personnel (MEP) today released the following statement regarding *Estate of Thompson, et al. v. Mission Essential Personnel*, a lawsuit filed on July 11, 2011 in the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina that names MEP as a defendant:

“The incident at COB Nunez was shocking and tragic. MEP was founded by Special Forces veterans, employs hundreds of military veterans, and is wholeheartedly devoted to supporting America’s men and women in uniform. All at MEP grieve with these families and the military community for the lives lost and injuries suffered at COB Nunez. We offer our deepest condolences.

“The US Army conducted a thorough investigation of the incident with which MEP provided its full cooperation. It is now clear that the injuries and deaths at COB Nunez that day were the result of the unforeseeable criminal acts of Nasir Ahmadi, who was killed at the scene. Mr. Ahmadi was thoroughly vetted for his deployment, including medical, psychological and counter-intelligence screening, and was approved by the US Government to deploy to Afghanistan. He was not issued, nor was he authorized to use a weapon by MEP. He exhibited no signs of mental distress nor were there any other indications he might commit this criminal act.

“During his time at COB Nunez, Mr. Ahmadi was under the operational control of the Special Forces Operational Detachment to which he had been assigned by the US Army. There were no reports to MEP outlining any concerns regarding Mr. Ahmadi’s performance, or his conduct while stationed at COB Nunez. Mr. Ahmadi’s actions were entirely unforeseeable to both MEP and the unit with which he worked.

“MEP is confident it will prevail in the judicial process.”

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