



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **DefenCell MAC<sup>®</sup> awarded US Military force protection barriers contract**

Maccaferri Inc. of Maryland, USA, have been awarded a contract for the supply of their DefenCell MAC gabion barriers to meet the DLA Expeditionary Barrier System (EBS) requirement.

The indefinite duration/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract is for a potential maximum value of \$500,000,000 and has been awarded by Defence Logistics Agency Troop Support in Philadelphia. DLA troop Support annually manage over \$13 billion worth of food and equipment supplies in support of America's warfighters worldwide.

Defencell MAC<sup>®</sup> is a rapid to deploy barrier system engineered from geotextile lined welded mesh gabions. Filled on site with locally available material, Defencell MAC<sup>®</sup> units form defensive structures and barriers to protect personnel and infrastructure against a wide range of ballistic threats and hostile vehicles as well as floods and storms.

Maccaferri and military materials supplier, J & S Franklin, are in partnership to jointly supply the Defencell MAC range of force protection barrier systems to military and security forces in the USA and around the globe, taking advantage of Maccaferri's manufacturing facilities in five continents.

Speaking after the award of the contract, Maccaferri Global CEO Luigi Penzo said "Despite being a relatively new entrant into this military sector, we have been making gabion products for nearly 140 years. We have a high quality product that has now been recognized by the DLA as part of their defense systems. We are delighted with this solicitation award."

Marc Franklin added "The DLA has selected quality suppliers for this solicitation award. We look forward to fulfilling their requirements to defend troops and infrastructure. It builds on our successes with Defencell MAC<sup>®</sup> in Europe, Middle East and Africa."

The Maccaferri-Franklin partnership also provides technical support and installation assistance to clients.

#### **Information for Editors/Press:**

[www.defencell.com/mac-gabions.html](http://www.defencell.com/mac-gabions.html)  
[www.maccaferri-usa.com](http://www.maccaferri-usa.com)

#### **Maccaferri:**

For nearly 140 years, Maccaferri has provided innovative solutions to the construction industry and built environment. Renowned as the world leader in gabion retaining structures, Maccaferri has diversified significantly over the past 20 years and now offers **engineered solutions** including **reinforced soil structures, coastal protection, landfills, natural hazard mitigation and river works**. Maccaferri's vision is to become a leading international provider of advanced solutions to the construction, mining and geotechnical markets. Implementing a strategy of vertical integration, Maccaferri researches, designs, supplies and provides construction solutions within its target markets.

From worldwide headquarters in Bologna, Italy, Maccaferri is a privately held company with revenues of nearly €500M, over 30 manufacturing facilities, 70 subsidiaries and operations in more than 100 countries.

Maccaferri is at the heart of the **Maccaferri Industrial Group** which is, in turn, part of the S.E.C.I Holding Group; A true conglomerate with interests in diverse fields including, power generation, mechanical engineering, bioengineering, food and agriculture.

#### **J & S Franklin:**

J&S Franklin Ltd was founded in 1946, and remains a compact family-run business, with offices in UK, USA, Middle and Far East, manufacturing and supplying a wide range of military and security equipment, including shelters, camp equipment and DefenCell protection barriers.

With over 60 years' experience, Franklin and US associate JSF Systems LLC, offer solutions, support and training to customers including the British Ministry of Defence, the US DOD and many overseas Governments, International NGOs and the United Nations.

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