

NORDEX EXPLOSIVES ANNOUNCES SUPPLY CONTRACT FOR WASHINGTON GROUP NORTHERN LTD.

Kirkland Lake, Ontario (August 14, 2006) NORDEX EXPLOSIVES LTD. (TSXV:NXX) announces that it has renewed an agreement with Washington Group Northern Ltd. for the supply of explosive products for use at the Agrium Inc. mining operations at Kapuskasing, Ontario. Under the terms of the agreement, Washington Group Northern Ltd. will purchase a minimum of 90% of the explosives for Agrium's mining operations at Kapuskasing from Nordex Explosives until December 31, 2007. There is no minimum volume or dollar commitment under the agreement and resulting explosive sales will be a function of the operating activity at Agrium's mine at Kapuskasing.

Under a separate agreement, Agrium is contracted with Washington Group Northern Ltd. to conduct mining operations at the Kapuskasing mine.

Forward-Looking Statements – Not for U.S. Distribution

This press release contains forward-looking statements based on current expectations. These forward-looking statements contain various risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties about the Company's business are more fully disclosed in the disclosure materials, financial statements and MD& A filed with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada on www.sedar.com.

ABOUT NORDEX EXPLOSIVES: LES EXPLOSIFS NORDEX LTEE./NORDEX EXPLOSIVES LTD. (TSXV:NXX) is a manufacturer and distributor of explosives for the mining, quarry and road construction industries since 1970. Its manufacturing operations and distribution centre is strategically located in one of the world's largest mining regions near Kirkland Lake, Ontario.

ABOUT WASHINGTON GROUP NORTHERN LTD. is a wholly owned subsidiary of WASHINGTON GROUP INTERNATIONAL (NASDAQ: WGII) Washington Group International Inc. provides the talent, innovation, and proven performance to deliver integrated engineering, construction, and management solutions for businesses and governments worldwide. Headquartered in Boise, Idaho, with more than \$3 billion in annual revenue, the company has approximately 24,000 people at work around the world providing solutions in power, environmental management, defense, oil and gas processing, mining, industrial facilities, transportation, and water resources. For more information, visit www.wgint.com.

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