

## A Seventh Major Improvement to the Integrated Visual Augmentation System

To utilize TPMI's pseudo-GPS system to maximize lethality in Urban warfare

ORLANDO, FL, USA, July 21, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Tactical hand signals play an important role in combat. Soldiers are trained in established hand gestures to indicate a variety of messages, such as "come here", "message received", "halt", "enter, "cover me", and "suspect".

Urban warfare poses a unique set of challenges. A squad entering a building can face snipers, booby traps, rubble and more. Consider a squad leader given the task of "clear the building". Coordinating forces is critical in timing a surprise invasion into a room filled with armed enemies.

How can efforts be coordinated between 9 Soldiers in a squad dispersed over 5 different rooms and different floors of a 2 story building? As the squad disperses, line of sight is lost and



achieving coordinated force movement becomes exceptionally complicated. If there is no line of sight, tactical hand gestures are useless.

In US Patent 11,341,731, TPMI developed advancement in head display unit technology to be used in conjunction with a pseudo-GPS system. The pseudo-GPS system, comprised of a set of transceivers with signal strength specifically dialed in to account for attenuation of various building materials, can be set up by a set of drones on the outside of the building before Soldiers enter. In accordance with the '731 patent, a first Soldier's head display unit would receive pings from the set of transceivers at a first timing, which is computed to yield a precise position within the building. Similarly, a second Soldier's head display unit would receive the same pings, but at a different timing and the second head display unit's unique position is computed. TPMI's technology works even when there is no line of sight between Soldiers. If the <u>IVAS</u> system is

enhanced with TPMI's technology, precision coordination amongst Soldiers in a squad will yield a more lethal force.

Even without line of sight, dispersed Soldiers would be able to synchronize a surprise invasion into the room filled with armed enemies. This is because the IVAS system, upgraded with '731 patented technology, would be able to localize Soldiers within an unknown building using a generated 3D map. Soldiers would be equipped with data that matters -- real-time, accurate, spatial map of each Soldier's position within the unknown building -- and importantly, a coordinated strike can be achieved.

In addition to providing a more lethal force, the '731 patented technology would improve Soldier survivability. Anytime armed friendly and enemy forces are mixed throughout a complex building, there will be some risk of friendly fire. However, with TPMI's technology, a Soldier will be able to clear a hallway with many doors with foreknowledge of where each friendly is located. Since the location of Soldiers is known, based on the '731 patented technology, the upgraded IVAS could display a blue dotted life-sized virtual Soldier overlayed on each actual Soldier. The Soldier looking down the hallway will have visual foreknowledge of his fellow Soldier before he enters the hallway and the risk of friendly fire could be cut.

When implemented on the IVAS, TPMI's '731 patented technology will yield improved situational awareness, will improve survivability and will increase soldier lethality. The bottom line is the IVAS can be improved by integrating technology in the '731 patent. TPMI aims to work with PEO Soldier to integrate this novel technology into the IVAS.

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