

# M53

## FIVE YEAR DoD CONTRACT SECURED

In September 2009 Avon Protection announced a new five year contract award from the US Department of Defense (DoD) for the M53 protective mask. Delivery of the systems will commence in the first half of 2010 to the DoD, the United States Coast Guard and the United States National Guard. This contract opens a new customer base for Avon.

The M53 system is a new derivative of the M50 respirator and provides capability for use with all recognised forms of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). The initial order under this contract is for \$3.7m with an overall potential of \$43.4m.

