



## Press Release

### **Jaguar Appraisals & Determinations, Inc. and Excalibur Group, LLC establish a business alliance**

***East Norriton, Pennsylvania, February 18, 2015*** – Jaguar Appraisals & Determinations (JAGUAR) and Excalibur Group, LLC (EXCALIBUR) have established a business collaboration to better serve the insurance industry. Through the alliance, JAGUAR will be able to expand the professional technical services offered to insurance clients to include recognized professional engineering, geologist, and science experts in environmental risk management and contaminated land and groundwater cleanup. The collaboration also enables EXALIBUR to significantly grow the claims services base it offers to its insurance clients to include JAGUAR's claims and litigation support expertise in accounting forensics, engineering (mechanical, electrical, civil, structural, architectural, chemical, fire protection), damage cost estimating, cause & origin determinations and other disciplines.

Mr. Jim Decembrino, President and founder of JAGUAR stated *“Given our collaborative and complementary strengths, we believe it is in our clients’ best interests to develop a business alliance with Excalibur, a leader in the environmental insurance claims industry.”*

Mr. Steve Wendt, managing partner and co-founder of EXCALIBUR commented, *“Whenever Excalibur has the opportunity to strengthen the scope and quality of its services to our insurance and legal clientele by working with a reputable firm such as Jaguar, we make sure to take advantage of such positive prospects. I have known Jim Decembrino and his people for many years, and only see a win-win prospect to our clients moving forward.”*

JAGUAR is an engineering/ consulting firm founded in 1997. The East Norriton, PA-based company has been serving the claims and legal industries for 18 years. It specializes in providing insurance and legal / litigation clients with expert opinions and litigation support on property damage cause & origin, accounting losses, automobile crash reconstruction & data retrieval, structural failures, fire destruction and several areas of incident forensics.

EXCALIBUR is an environmental engineering company based in McLean, Virginia which specializes in environmental insurance underwriting and claims support services. Founded in 1999, the company has over 16 years experience supporting the insurance industry. It specializes in providing insurance and legal / litigation clients with expert opinions on the cause, source(s), severity and age of site soil, groundwater, soil vapor and indoor air contamination and the most cost effective remedial approaches and methodologies to clean up all types of contaminated municipal, industrial, commercial, residential and government sites, including those impacted by releases of fuel oil, diesel, gasoline, coal tar, chlorinated solvents, PCBs and mixed / co-mingled contamination.



## **ABOUT Jaguar Appraisals & Determinations, Inc.**

JAGUAR is an engineering consulting firm that has been providing professional technical services to the **claims industry** and **defense legal firms** for the past 18 years. With 35 years of experience in the insurance claims industry JAGUAR has an extensive history and background in **civil litigation** process and **expert testimony**. JAGUAR specializes in **property & casualty** insurance claims support.

### **Claims Experts in:**

**Accounting Losses:** Loss of business income, Extra expense/Expediting expense, Inventory damage, Personal / Real Property, Surety/Fidelity Bonds, Product Liability, Third Party Liability, Construction Project Audits, Errors & Omissions, Cast Insurance, Environmental Audits, Co-insurance Calculations, Reserve Calculations, Business Evaluations, Instruction Seminars, Workers Compensation Analysis.

**Automobile Engineering:** Tire evaluations, steering, fuel systems, brakes and hydraulics. **Crash Data Retrieval.**

**Cause & Origin:** Fire to buildings, building failure, fire to vehicles, machinery & equipment failure, bombs, explosions, review of codes, fire scene photography, evidence collection, investigation/interviews.

**Property Damage Estimating:** Cost Evaluation, RCV & ACV calculations, Commercial, Institutional, Residential, Parking Lots, Lighting, Landscaping, Sitework, Cost Analysis.

**Blasting & Vibration Determinations:** Liability Investigation for blasting, construction vibration claims.

**Design Defects:** Bridges, Buildings, Equipment, Machinery, Tools, Appliances.

**Construction Defects:** Commercial, Institutional, Industrial and Residential Buildings.

**Material & Equipment Defects / Products Liability:**

**Indoor Air Quality:** Certified Industrial Hygienist Air Sampling, Indoor Air Quality, Toxic Fumes, Contaminated Buildings, Phase I & II Env. Assessments, Hazardous Material Evaluation, Lead, Asbestos, PCBs. Mold and Mildew.

**Civil & Geotechnical Engineering:** Underground Drainage, Treatment Plants, Underground Utilities, Water Infiltration, Run Off Surface, Floods, Sink Holes.

**Mechanical Engineering:** HVAC, Boiler & Machinery, Refrigeration, Cryogenics, Hydraulics, Elevators, Lifts, Chillers, Industrial Processing, Material Handling, Public Service Gas & Utility, Failure Analysis of Mechanical Components, Reactor, Fluid Flow, Heat Transfer, Thermodynamic for power plant systems, Turbines, Gas Systems, Hydrostatic Systems, Nuclear Systems, Line Leak Detection Systems.

**Biomechanical Engineering:** Injuries related to: swimming, diving, softball, sno-tube sledding, slips and falls, industrial movements, boxing headgear, forklifts, bulldozers, farm tractors, ladders, coal mining, bikes, vehicular impacts.

**Chemical Engineering:** Machinery & Equipment: Cause of Failure & Analysis, Assessment of Damage, Personal Injury, Design or Installation Defects.

**Industrial Engineering:** Industrial Equipment, Industrial Processing, Industrial Accidents, OSHA Requirements & Safety Issues.

**Electrical Engineering & Electronic Engineering:** Power Equipment, Power Wiring, Power Surges, Substations, Electrocutions, Lightning, Electronic Failures, Electric Estimating, Assessment & Cost Analysis.

**Computer Engineering:** Cause & Effect (hardware/software)



## **Claims Experts in (cont.):**

**Hydro Geological, Geology & Geotechnical:** Sub-soil problems & conditions, Sink Holes, Natural Settlement, Vibration, Blasting, Digging, Highway & Roadway Construction, Foundations, Retaining Structures, Soil Modification, Dewatering Conditions, Earthworks, Site Work.

**Architectural:** Building Code Interpretation, Design Defects, Construction Defects, Building Materials, Construction Accidents.

**Structural Engineering:** Roofs, Decks, Structural Steel, Concrete, Steps, Collapse, Bulges, Failure Analysis, Tanks, Vessels, Floors, Walks, Commercial Building, Institutional, Residential.

**Accident Reconstruction:** Vehicle, Multi-vehicle, Motorcycle, Pedestrian

**Aerial Photography: Evidence Photography:**

**Litigation Support:** Depending on professional discipline

**Analytical Services:** Depending on professional discipline

**Firearms Appraisals:**

**Surveyors:** Slip and fall accidents. Was the accident on the insured's property? Property line determination.

**Mining Engineering:**

**Construction Scheduling:** Detailed graphs and charts prepared by commercial construction project managers. Schedules provide adjusters and accountants a detailed picture of the overall time involved to complete any project.

**Material Science:** Product Failure Analysis, Material Failure Analysis, Vehicle Components, Tires, Seat Belts, Industrial Injuries, Power Tools, Water Pipes, Steam Lines, Fasteners, Textile Machinery, Motorcycles.

**Metallurgy:** Fatigue & fracture, failure analysis, manufacturing technology, development of corrosion resistant seals, annealing treatments for titanium alloys.

**Toxicology/Pharmacology/Biology:** Substance Abuse, Drug & Alcohol Testing, Liquor Liability, DWI and Related Cases, Chemical Related Deaths, Forensic Accident Reconstruction, Toxic Tort Review, Workers Compensation, Lead Poisoning, Environmental Pollution.

**Traffic Engineering:** Highway design, Traffic signal design, railroad mass transit station design, safety studies.