

LUSK RANCHER JOINS NEW VENTURE STARTUP GROUP

Mike Thomas makes the leap from natural beef to Blue Sky

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Laramie, WY (July 2, 2009) – The Blue Sky Group Inc. (Blue Sky) announced today that Mike Thomas, the owner of Wyoming Sunrise Ranches and former CEO of Spear Technologies and TENERA, has joined its group of entrepreneurs focused on building innovative companies in an eclectic mix of industries.

“It’s unusual to find an entrepreneur of Mike’s caliber anywhere, much less in a rural setting like Wyoming,” said John M. Pope, president and CEO of Blue Sky. “We love entrepreneurs, and Mike embodies the reasons why.”

Thomas started his career in the Army, where he advanced from Private to Lieutenant and became the youngest commanding officer in Europe at 20 years old. He worked as vice president of marketing at First Interstate Bank of California before becoming vice president of operations at Teknekron Financial Systems, which he sold in 1986 for over \$100,000,000. Subsequently, as president he grew holding company and incubator, Teknekron Corp., to 13 companies, 1000 employees, and over \$130,000,000 in annual revenues. He was then hired to turnaround TENERA, an AMEX-listed corporation, after which he started, grew and sold Spear Technologies.

After falling in love with Wyoming’s rural beauty and lifestyle, he started a natural beef ranch in Lusk in 2005, eventually diversifying it to include a commercial hay operation, a wind farm and startup business consulting.

Besides his work at Blue Sky, Thomas sits on the boards of two startup companies in Colorado.

Thomas holds a B.S. in Business from UC-Berkeley.

More information regarding Blue Sky is available on the web at www.theblueskygroup.com.