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## **RAZOR-BACK® Professional Tools Teams Up With EliteTrax!** Global BMX Track Builder Chooses Razor-Back® Tools For Use

**CAMP HILL, Pa. (February 17, 2016)** The AMES Companies, Inc., the leading American manufacturer and global provider of lawn and garden products and jobsite tools, is pleased to announce the formation of a partnership between EliteTrax and its Razor-Back Professional Tools brand. Razor-Back is the leading brand of professional jobsite and landscape hand tools. Tom Ritzenthaler, President and Founder of EliteTrax and the EliteTrax crew are proud to select the Razor-Back tool line to get the job done!

The sport of BMX has changed dramatically in the last decade with the new Olympic Standard BMX tracks and higher speeds creating the need for smooth riding surfaces. This has raised the requirements to have a perfect track under any conditions. Although a BMX track is mainly built with heavy equipment, it is the manual work and shaping that elevates a good track to a great track!

### **RAZOR-BACK TOOLS**

Since 1936, Razor-Back tools have been in the hands that tackle the toughest jobs. They are the standard of excellence for professional tools, and they offer features demanded by professional end users such as heavy-duty 14-gauge steel shovel blades, Power-Step® blade feature for secure footing, strong steel D-grips and dual rivets on shovel sockets. Razor-Back is built tough and made to last, featuring a lifetime warranty. Learn more about Razor-Back at [www.razor-back.com](http://www.razor-back.com) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/razorback).

“We are pleased to partner with EliteTrax as the official long-handled tool of choice. We are excited the Razor-Back tool line will travel with the EliteTrax design and build team around the world to help create world-class BMX tracks. Whether you're building a road, laying a foundation or shaping a great BMX track, we offer a Razor-Back tool that professionals can depend on to deliver great results,” said Vice President, Marketing and Product Development, Eric Bernstein.

### **TOUGH TOOLS FOR TOUGH JOBS**

“We are extremely happy to team up with Razor-Back tools,” said Tom Ritzenthaler, main builder and founder of EliteTrax Inc. “Building these BMX tracks around the world is hard work and we depend on great tools to get the job done to perfection. The Razor-Back tools are strong, dependable, and move the dirt with ease. The fact that they can handle airline baggage abuse is just a bonus,” laughs Ritzenthaler, who travels around the world with his Razor-Back tools in a custom ski bag.





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## **BMX TRACKS TO FIT FOR YOUR NEEDS!**

It doesn't matter if you're looking to rebuild your local BMX track or need to construct an Olympic-size training facility, we've got you covered. No job is too big or too small for EliteTrax. Together with our partners, we can design and build a BMX track of the highest standard. Learn more about EliteTrax at [www.elitetraxinc.com](http://www.elitetraxinc.com).

## **About The AMES Companies, Inc.**

The AMES Companies is a wholly owned subsidiary of Griffon Corporation (NYSE: GFF) and is the leading, as well as the largest, manufacturer of lawn and garden tools in the U.S. The company is headquartered in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, and manufactures and markets a wide variety of lawn and garden tools for homeowners, jobsite tools for professionals and outdoor lifestyle products. Brands include AMES<sup>®</sup>, True Temper<sup>®</sup>, Razor-Back<sup>®</sup> Professional Tools, Jackson<sup>®</sup> Professional Tools, Southern Patio<sup>®</sup>, UnionTools<sup>®</sup>, Dynamic Design<sup>®</sup>, Garant<sup>®</sup>, Westmix<sup>™</sup>, Kelso<sup>™</sup>, Cyclone<sup>®</sup> and Northcote<sup>™</sup>. Available at retailers around the world, The AMES Companies product offerings include long-handled tools, wheelbarrows, carts, hose reels, hoses, snow tools, hand tools, striking tools, planters and outdoor accessories.

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