

## Press Release

### Sperian Protection for French railways

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Through its subsidiary Ox'Bridge, Sperian Protection has signed a contract with the French national rail company, SNCF, to supply station personnel uniforms.

The five-year contract is worth over €20 million, and covers clothing for 20,000 people.

The contract rewards this subsidiary's performance and know-how in production process innovation, sourcing and logistics as well as Ox'Bridge proactive commitment to sustainable development. It developed for SNCF an eco-uniform, human and environment-friendly: use of fair-trade cotton, measurement of carbon footprint of each clothing of the collection and even recycling of old uniforms.

For Henri-Dominique Petit, CEO of Sperian Protection, "this contract, which we're very proud of, proves our capacity to win contracts from major and prestigious companies in today's uncertain economic situation. We'll be widening the strong focus on sustainable development in our "image clothing" business with a view to pursuing Group-wide policy rollout."

#### **About Sperian Protection**

*With more than 6000 employees worldwide, Sperian Protection is resolutely geared towards international markets.*

*The world leader in personal protective equipment (hearing, eye, respiratory and fall protection, gloves, clothing and footwear), the Group offers innovative products adapted to high-risk environments so that workers in the manufacturing and services industries can work with confidence.*

*Sperian Protection is listed on Euronext's Eurolist and on the SBF120. It is eligible for the SRD deferred settlement system.*

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