

## Press Release

### Sperian Protection receives another order for single-use respiratory masks

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As part of a draft agreement to supply FFP2-class respiratory masks signed with the French government in early 2006, Sperian Protection will deliver additional single-use masks for a total of about €25 million through the end of 2010.

These masks will be manufactured at the Group's Plaintel plant in France.

This order is in addition to orders placed by the French government since early 2006 and which generated sales of about €80 million for the Group between 2006 and the end of 2009.

Moreover, given the current pandemic risk, Sperian is investing in additional production capacity of single-use masks. The expansion will increase the Group's overall capacity by approximately 60%.

Brice de La Morandière, Sperian Protection's CEO, stated: "Sperian Protection is pursuing its targeted investment policy in fast-growing markets. With this extra production capacity, we will be able to respond more effectively to demand from our customers, all around the world."

#### **About Sperian Protection**

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

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