

## Press Release

### Sperian Protection announces changes to its Board of Directors

Paris, August 25, 2009

Sperian Protection's Board of Directors announces the expiration of Mrs. Ginette Dalloz's mandate as board member in compliance with the Group's bylaws.

Mrs. Dalloz actively contributed to the Group's rise, from the creation of the Christian Dalloz company through all its major development phases, including the IPO in 1986, international expansion, growth through acquisitions, merger with the Bacou Group in 2001 and the Sperian name change in 2007. As a Board member for numerous years, she brought to the Board her unmatched experience with the Group and the PPE sector. Therefore, the Board offered the position of Honorary Chairman to Mrs. Dalloz, who accepted.

The Board of Directors also announces the resignation of Mr. Patrick Boissier as Board member due to his new CEO duties at DCNS.

The Board of Directors has also co-opted Mr. Laurent Vacherot as interim Board member. His nomination shall be submitted for ratification at the next General Meeting of Shareholders.

Laurent Vacherot has been Chief Financial Officer of the Essilor International Group since July 2007. Previously, he held numerous executive positions in France and North America for Essilor, which he joined in 1992 after 10 years at Accenture.

"The Board of Directors is extremely grateful to Ginette Dalloz for her immense contribution and support of the Group's development and her constant devotion to advancing its human values. The Board would also like to thank Patrick Boissier for his contribution and precious advice during his years as a Sperian Protection Board member. The Board also extends a warm welcome to Laurent Vacherot as Board member. In the current environment, his international and financial experience will make a vital contribution to the Group", stated Henri-Dominique Petit, Chairman of the Board.

#### **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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