

## Press Release

# Sperian Protection announces refinancing

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Sperian Protection is pleased to announce the signing of an agreement with 5 Mandated Lead Arrangers Bookrunners (BNP Paribas, Calyon, HSBC, Natixis, Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking) to refinance the Group' existing loan facilities maturing in June 2010.

This credit facility, for a total amount of €200 million, will come in addition to the current secured bilateral credit lines, thus allowing the Group to have a total financing capacity of more than € 300 million

This new credit line has a 3 year maturity with a bullet repayment. It is subject to customary financial covenants. The leverage ratio (Net debt/Ebitda) is initially set at 4x Ebitda. Financial conditions are in line with current market conditions and other conditions are similar to those in the existing facilities agreement.

### **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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