

Press Release

Sperian Protection

Paris, May 17th, 2010

Sperian Protection informs the market that the deadline to file the project of the contemplated voluntary tender offer by Menelas France SAS, a company 100% held by Cinven, has been extended by mutual agreement until May 21st, 2010. This project remains subject to the condition precedent of recommendation by Sperian's board of directors

In addition, the company informs the market that it received serious acquisition proposals on 100% of Sperian Protection shares from strategic buyers, at a price significantly higher than the one proposed by Menelas France SAS.

Those proposals are being assessed by the company and its advisors. They will be reviewed by Sperian's Board of Directors.

The company will inform the market of its forthcoming intends on those strategic options no later than Friday May 21st.

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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