

Press Release

Sperian Protection reports 1st half 2010 revenue

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Sperian Protection, the reference leader in personal protective equipment (PPE), reports consolidated revenue of €362.4 million for the 1st half of 2010. This revenue represents organic growth of 11.8%, compared to 1st quarter 2009 revenue of €326.9 million.

			1st half		2nd quarter			
	H1 2010	H1 2009	Total change	Change excl. Acquisitions & fx fluctuations*	Q2 2010	Q2 2009	Total change	Change excl. Acquisitions & fx fluctuations
<i>In millions of Euros</i>								
Consolidated Revenue	362.4	326.9	10.9%	11.8%	188.6	173.9	8.5%	8.0%
Head protection	200.1	170.7	17.3%	15.3%	103.6	95.2	8.8%	3.5%
Body protection	162.3	156.3	3.8%	7.7%	84.9	78.6	8.0%	13.9%
Americas	159.3	140.1	13.7%	12.8%	86.6	76.8	12.7%	6.5%
Europe, Middle East, Africa	175.4	164.5	6.6%	10.2%	85.8	84.5	1.5%	7.5%
Asia-Pacific	27.7	22.3	24.3%	16.1%	16.2	12.5	29.7%	20.7%

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* 2010 sales figures at 2009 exchange rates

The company reported revenue of €188.6 million for the 2nd quarter, reflecting an organic increase of 8% compared to revenue of €173.9 million in the 2nd quarter of 2009.

During the 2nd quarter of 2010, the head protection businesses generated organic growth of 3.5%; the respiratory business declined as deliveries of systems for California fire fighters and of disposable masks for the French government came to an end, as expected. On the other hand, the hearing and eye and face protection businesses posted rises in the quarter.

In the body protection businesses, organic growth was more significant (+13.9%), mainly thanks to good performances in fall protection and footwear.

Sperian Protection will report its 1st half 2010 earnings on 25 August 2010 after the market close.

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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