

Press Release

October 23, 2008:

Sperian Protection has been informed that a Los Angeles, California Superior Court Judge has issued a decision setting aside a contract awarded by the County of Los Angeles to LN Curtis, a distributor for Sperian Protection respiratory protection products, for the purchase of Sperian SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) fire protection equipment.

The Court stated that the County made the decision to award the contract to LN Curtis without following proper procedures.

As a result, Sperian Protection will suspend the deliveries of this product to LN Curtis effective immediately.

Sperian Protection is not a party to the litigation, but believes, based on the advice of counsel, that the contract was properly awarded. The company is conferring with parties to the suit, who are considering filing an immediate appeal to have this decision overturned.

If these issues are not resolved by the end of 2008, the impact for Sperian Protection could be a reduction of the full year sales growth (excluding exchange rate effects) from 6% to 5%. No impact on the margin guidance is expected.

About Sperian Protection

With nearly 6000 employees worldwide, Sperian Protection is resolutely geared towards international markets.

The world leader in personal protective equipment (hearing, eye, respiratory and fall protection, gloves, clothing and footwear), the Group offers innovative products adapted to high-risk environments so that all workers in the manufacturing and services industries can work with confidence.

Sperian Protection is listed on Euronext's Eurolist and on the SBF120. It is eligible for the SRD deferred settlement system.

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