

## **Sperian Protection to acquire Musitani Reinforce position in Latin America**

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Paris, December 2, 2008:

Sperian Protection announces today that it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Musitani S.A., the market leader in fall protection in Argentina.

This acquisition perfectly fits the Group's strategy to expand its presence in developing markets. Sperian, adding this to its already existing manufacturing and distribution operations in Mexico and Brazil, greatly expands its penetration into this growing market.

Musitani has a leading position in South America in the sales and manufacture of fall protection products, such as harnesses, lanyards, retractables, turnkey height access solutions and material handling equipment.

Musitani has been growing consistently at double digit rates. The company has operations in Buenos Aires and employs approximately 130 people.

Henri-Dominique Petit, Chairman and CEO of Sperian Protection stated: "This deal boosted Sperian's position in Latin America and strengthens its world leading position in fall protection. Musitani will be the beachhead for the Group in Argentina. "

The acquisition of another leading company in the safety at height market in Musitani comes just two months after closing on another leading height safety business by Sperian - Combisafe AB on September 16, 2008.

### **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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