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Saft wins major order from BEL to supply Li-ion batteries for defence applications

Paris, January 13, 2009 – Saft, world specialist in the design and manufacture of high-tech batteries for industry, has won an order worth in excess of €3 million from Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) for lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries.

The BEL order covers an immediate requirement for a new application for Li-ion batteries. Working to a very challenging delivery lead time, over the six-month contract Saft will supply over 200,000 Li-ion cells to BEL as well as a number of fully integrated battery packs with protection electronics.

About BEL

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), the leading Indian defence electronics company, manufactures a wide range of cutting-edge Military Communication Systems, Radars and Sonars, Naval Systems, Telecom & Broadcast Systems, Electronic Warfare Systems, Tank Electronics, Opto Electronics, Professional Electronic Components and Solar Powered Systems. With 12,371 employees, BEL has nine manufacturing units across India and a wide network of offices in India as well as in New York and Singapore.

For more information, visit BEL at www.bel-india.com

About Saft

Saft (Euronext: Saft) is a world specialist in the design and manufacture of high-tech batteries for industry. Saft batteries are used in high performance applications such as industrial infrastructure and processes, transportation, space and defence. Saft is the world's leading manufacturer of nickel-cadmium batteries for industrial applications and of primary lithium batteries for a wide range of end markets. The group is also the European leader for specialised advanced technologies for the defence and space industries. With approximately 4,000 employees worldwide, Saft is present in 18 countries. Its 15 manufacturing sites and extensive sales network enable the group to serve its customers worldwide. Saft is listed in Paris' Stock Market. The stock is mentioned in SBF 120 index.

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