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Press Release

Energy storage for naval applications:

Saft and DCNS formalise their alliance in innovative technologies

Saft and DCNS have just signed a framework agreement which reinforces their alliance in electrical energy storage technologies for military naval applications. In creating this long-term partnership, the two groups now represent a national center for innovative technologies.

John Searle, Chairman of the Management Board of Saft, and Jacques Mouysset, Strategy and Development Director of DCNS, have signed a framework agreement that strengthens the alliance over the long term. The two companies will operate as a national center for innovative technologies covering electrical energy storage for all military naval products including frigates, submarines, torpedoes, autonomous underwater or surface vehicles (AUV-ASV), etc.

This framework collaboration agreement is designed in the best technical, industrial and commercial interests of Saft and DCNS. Following many years of cooperation in ad hoc agreements in the field of energy storage, the companies will now work together on a long term basis.

The underlying logic for this agreement is to increase synergies between both groups. Saft focuses on innovative energy storage technologies (batteries and accumulators) for industrial applications. DCNS designs and builds military vessels fitted with platform management systems, propulsion systems and weapons systems that meet a high level of technical requirements. The optimisation of electrical energy storage is a key component of the technical performance of these warships systems.

The objectives for strengthening cooperation between Saft and DCNS include technological and investment decisions at a very early stage based on market developments. This framework collaboration agreement applies with immediate effect, to adapting innovative Li-ion technologies to conventional submarine propulsion and torpedoes, while extending cooperation on AgO-Al batteries for torpedoes.

The industrial cooperation created by Saft and DCNS will increase both companies' competitive advantages in their respective naval military, national and export markets.

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About DCNS

The DCNS Group is one of Europe's leading players on the world market for naval defence systems. To meet customer demands for more comprehensive and integrated systems, DCNS acts as prime contractor for naval shipbuilding, integration and support by combining its own development, marketing and production capabilities with those of selected partners. To manage the complexity of such projects, the Group draws on in-house expertise in naval architecture and systems engineering, ship assembly and integration and equipment design and production, as well as through-life support. The DCNS Group employs 13,000 people and generates annual revenues of around €2.8 billion.

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 the SBF 120 index on the Paris Stock Market.

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