



Saft signs a multi-year contract with Sagem to supply Li-ion batteries for the French army's FELIN systems

Paris, May 24, 2012 – Saft, the world's leading designer and manufacturer of high-technology batteries for industry, has been selected by Sagem to equip the new French Soldier of the Future modernisation systems as part of the FELIN programme.

The contract covers the development and manufacture of more than 40 000 Li-ion battery systems. They will provide the energy which will power the FELIN infrared night vision equipment, the infrared binoculars, the radio systems, man-machine interface equipment, the GPS and the osteophonic systems.

The equipment for Soldier of the Future systems needs very long-life, highly reliable batteries that are easy to use in the field.

To meet these needs, Saft developed two formats of Li-ion batteries which optimise weight, have at least 24 hours life, are modular, safe and reliable to use, have integrated electronics for monitoring the state of charge of the battery and enable communication with the man-machine interface equipment.

“Saft is very pleased to be working with Sagem to accompany the French army in its modernisation programmes” said Serge Fouilhau, Saft's lithium division director, “this proves once more our capacity to provide high technology products for demanding applications”.

About Saft

Saft (Euronext: Saft) is a world leader in the design and manufacture of advanced technology batteries for industry. The Group is the world's leading manufacturer of nickel batteries and primary lithium batteries for the industrial infrastructure and processes, transportation, civil and military electronics' markets. Saft is the world leader in space and defence batteries with its Li-ion technologies which are also being deployed in the energy storage, transportation and telecommunication markets. Saft's 4,000 employees present in 19 countries, its 16 manufacturing sites and extensive sales network all contribute to accelerating the Group's growth for the future.

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