

Saft Group prized for the transparency of its financial information

The Group won first prize in two categories at the "2012 Grands Prix for Financial Transparency" and placed second in the global ranking out of 170 listed companies.

Paris, October 5, 2012 – Saft, a world leader in the design and manufacture of advanced technology batteries for industrial applications, was awarded the Grand Prix for Financial Transparency in the "Small Caps" and "Industrial Goods and Services" categories during a prize-giving ceremony hosted yesterday by Labrador and the University of Paris-Dauphine.

In addition to these prizes, Saft Group also placed second in the 2012 Financial Transparency ranking out of 170 listed French companies.

For the past three years, the "Grands Prix for Transparency" have been rewarding the best practices of French listed companies in regulated financial reporting. The ranking of the different companies is drawn up by a Scientific Committee composed of representatives of the principal players in the field of financial reporting in France.

The information documents of 170 companies, including the SBF 120 and the next 50 largest capitalizations, were studied on the basis of 85 criteria grouped around four pillars of transparency developed by Labrador, namely: accessibility, comparability, availability and document precision.

Commenting on the awards, Bruno Dathis, Chief Financial Officer of Saft, said:

"We are very proud to receive these distinctions, which reward the remarkable work and commitment of all the financial, legal and communication teams of the Saft group".

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 industrial infrastructure and processes, transportation, and 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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