



Saft issues an updated trading statement

Paris, June 5, 2013 – Saft, the world's leading designer and manufacturer of advanced batteries for industry, announces that sales growth during Q2 was stable compared with Q2 2012 resulting in overall H1 sales broadly in line with prior year. There has been growth in the Industrial Battery Division but a reduction in sales in the Specialty Battery Division. Despite this H1 performance, Saft confirms that it expects 2013 sales to be towards the bottom of the guidance communicated in February 2013. Strong growth is expected in H2 and this is supported by a good level of commercial success during H1. In addition, Saft confirms its 2013 sales objective for Li-ion batteries of €120m.

The profitability during H1 has been impacted by the level of sales, by an unfavourable sales mix, and by decisions taken to support future growth with continued investment in R&D and sales and marketing. It is now expected that the full year EBITDA will be in the range of €90-95m with stronger profitability in H2, helped by increased sales.

Further details will be given during Saft's H1 results presentation on the 24th July.

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 18 countries, its 15 manufacturing sites and extensive sales network all contribute to accelerating the Group's growth for the future.

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