



## **Saft signs multi-million euro supply agreement with Ineo Support Global for advanced military lithium battery technology for French army**

*During this five-year contract, Saft will provide tens of thousands of primary and rechargeable lithium batteries to power high-tech field systems used by the French army as they outsource their logistics*

**Paris, February 03, 2014** – Saft, the world's leading designer and manufacturer of advanced technology batteries for industry, has signed a multi-million Euro contract with Ineo Support Global (a subsidiary of GDF Suez) to supply lithium cells and batteries for France's land army forces. The contract will play a pivotal role in Ineo Support Global's strategy to become the leading logistics operator in France's military outsourcing sector.

Over the five years of the contract, Saft will supply tens of thousands of primary and rechargeable lithium cells and batteries, covering some 70 different types, to provide reliable, lightweight and long duration power for high-tech field equipment used by the French army such as communications and global positioning systems (GPS), thermal imaging and laser target designators.

*'Saft is delighted to establish this strong partnership with Ineo Support Global that confirms our position as the leading manufacturer of replacement batteries for the French army,'* said Thomas Alcide, General Manager of Saft's Specialty Battery Group. *"It also provides an excellent platform for both partners to work together to increase our success in future tender rounds of the French MOD's outsourcing process.'*

### **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 3,800 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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