



Ghislain Lescuyer appointed Chairman of the Management Board of Saft

Paris, March 11th, 2015 – The members of Saft Groupe’s Supervisory Board are pleased to announce the appointment of Ghislain Lescuyer to the position of Chairman of the Management Board. This appointment follows a rigorous and comprehensive selection process carried out by the Remuneration and Appointment Committee with the assistance of a leading global executive search and evaluation firm.

Ghislain Lescuyer has been a member of Saft Groupe’s Supervisory Board for the last 10 years and Chairman of its Strategy and Technologies Committee, and has worked closely with the current management team. He is now Senior Vice President of the Alstom Group in charge of Information Systems and Technology.

He will begin in this new role on May 4, 2015. Bruno Dathis, Group Financial Director, has been acting Chairman of the Management Board, since John Searle’s sudden death in September last year and will continue in this role until that date.

Following this appointment, Yann Duchesne, Chairman of the Supervisory Board said: *“We are delighted to welcome Ghislain Lescuyer in this executive role at Saft. We are extremely confident that his international management background, his in-depth knowledge of many industry segments and his strategic, forward-looking vision will enable the Group to successfully accelerate its profitable growth and bring greater value to our customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders.”*

Ghislain Lescuyer, aged 57, holds an engineering degree from Télécom ParisTech and an MBA from INSEAD.

He joined Alstom/Areva T&D in 2007 as Executive Vice-President of the Grid Products business until June 2010 when he was appointed Senior Vice-President of Strategy and Development for the Alstom Group. In May 2012, he became Alstom’s Chief Information Officer.

From 2003 to 2007 he was Senior Executive Vice-President of Thomson Multimedia and President of the Systems and Equipment Division based in Los Angeles, California.

Prior to that, he held various general management positions including Managing Director of Europ@web and Chairman of Bull Services, and between 1989 and 1994 was a management consultant at McKinsey & Company.

**About Saft**

Saft (Euronext: Saft) is a world leading designer and manufacturer 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 deployed in the energy storage, transportation and telecommunication network markets. More than 3,800 employees in 18 countries, 14 manufacturing sites and an extensive sales network all contribute to accelerating the Group's growth for the future.

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