



Saft receives new €7m order from Indian telecom operator Reliance Jio

- A new order for the supply of Saft's Evolion® lithium-ion battery systems for Reliance Jio pan-Indian 4G/LTE network.
- Follows installation by Reliance Jio of Saft battery systems at 16,000+ 4G/LTE sites across India over the past two years.
- Evolion® battery systems are manufactured at Saft's specialized lithium-ion facility in Jacksonville, USA, and supported by Amco-Saft Ltd factory in Bangalore, India.

Paris, April 23rd, 2015 – Saft, world leader in the design, development and manufacture of high-tech batteries for industry, has received another multi-million euro order from Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited (RJIL) for the supply of its state-of-the-art Evolion® lithium-ion (Li-ion) battery systems, to support the next phase in India's 4G/LTE (Long Term Evolution) roll-out programme. RJIL is currently the only Pan-Indian 4G/LTE operator.

This new order builds on the success of past orders placed in 2013 and 2014 by RJIL for Saft's Evolion systems, for an amount of 50 million euros. These batteries have now been rolled out in more than 16,000 4G/LTE Base Transceiver Station (BTS) sites across India, where they provide backup power in case of interruption of the main power supply, guaranteeing total continuity and availability of RJIL's mobile network.

India's vast geography and wide range of climate conditions represent a significant technical challenge for batteries. The Evolion® battery concept has been developed to ensure reliability and service life for telecom installations operating at temperatures in the range of - 40 °C to + 75 °C and in high humidity conditions.

In addition, Evolion® is also around half the size and only one quarter of the weight of a conventional telecom battery, freeing up space and making it easier and safer for operators to transport, handle and install.

"Our backup battery systems play a key role in guaranteeing the reliability of telecom networks at all times, which is crucial to the successful expansion of 4G/LTE services. I am thrilled by RJIL's renewed trust in Saft's Evolion® modules which again demonstrates the quality of our backup battery systems and their ability to ensure reliability and maximize life of service for our clients' infrastructures in the most challenging conditions." said Xavier Delacroix, General Manager of Saft's Industrial Battery Group.

To support the intensive deployment of the Evolion® battery systems, Saft is also providing a dedicated service for RJIL for life cycle support across the entire installed base. Deliveries are scheduled to take place during the second quarter of 2015.

**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 4,000 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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