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Press Release

Safegate Group acquires Idman Airfield Lighting

The Safegate Group has successfully completed the acquisition of Idman Airfield Lighting. The acquisition makes Safegate an even stronger partner for the Airport industry.

Malmö, Sweden – The Safegate Group has acquired the airfield lighting activities of the brand Idman (Idman AFL) from the Dutch company Philips. Idman was a division within Philips Oy specialising in the R&D, manufacture and sales of airfield ground lighting.

Commenting on the acquisition of Idman AFL, CEO of Safegate Group Per-Olof Hammarlund said:

“Safegate has taken another step in its drive for increased airport safety and efficiency through this acquisition. With a complete range of Products and Services, a “one stop shop”, we will be able to provide even better value to our customers.”

Philips Airfield Lighting (previously Idman AFL) has to date been handled by Philips based in Vantaa (Helsinki), Moscow and Beijing. Research and Development as well as manufacturing have been performed in Vantaa.

Philips Airfield Lighting will continue to operate under its previous name Idman Airfield Lighting as a stand-alone business unit. Kari Virtanen will continue as Managing Director for the unit. Idman AFL will benefit from Safegate’s products, contacts and substantial Research and Development resources.

Together Safegate/Idman will be a truly global company with sales forces in Sweden, Finland, UK, Germany, France, Spain, Russia, UAE, Qatar, Australia, Singapore, China and the US.

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Safegate Group

The company was founded in 1973 and has ten offices. With agents in more than 50 countries, Safegate is represented and operates on a global basis. Addressable Light Systems was installed for the first time in 1989 and are in use today in over 70 airports. Since 1977, Safedock, aircraft parking systems have been installed in more than 120 airports on all five continents. Every five seconds around-the-clock a plane docks with the aid of Safedock.

Safegate belongs to the Fairford Group, consisting of 15 wholly- and partly owned companies in Sweden.

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