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Uvex Inspires Safety with New Uvex VersaPro™ Protective Eyewear

Lightweight design and superior protection provide optimal performance in light industrial applications

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — February 10, 2010 — Sperian Protection, the world leader in personal protective equipment (PPE), today announced that its flagship brand, Uvex®, has launched the new Uvex VersaPro™ style of safety eyewear. Uvex VersaPro's streamlined, lightweight design provides optimal performance in light industrial applications where comfort and versatility are essential. The style is perfect for keeping workers safe during assembly line work, shipping, machine operation and other light manufacturing tasks. Its extended-wear comfort features and increased durability help keep workers safer because they wear their safety eyewear longer.

Uvex VersaPro is available with Uvex's advanced new Supra-Dura™ anti-scratch coating that provides five times more scratch resistance than other coatings on the market or with Uvextreme® anti-fog coating. The style features FlexFit™ bendable temples and nosepieces for the most comfortable, customized fit and ratcheting temples that make it easy to adjust the lens angle for a close fit. Uvex VersaPro eyewear meets the ANSI Z87.1-2003 (high impact) and CSA Z94.3 safety standards and comes with a lifetime frame guarantee, delivering optimal protection and value.

"We developed the Uvex VersaPro style based on extensive research and surveys of safety managers, whose foremost hurdle was selecting the proper eyewear for the job among such a broad – even overwhelming – product spectrum," said David Iannelli, senior product manager for Uvex. "Because Uvex VersaPro is designed specifically for light industrial applications, it has never been easier to choose the best-suited safety eyewear for these jobs."

Uvex VersaPro is one of three new styles introduced in Uvex's new Specifix™ collection, which also includes Uvex PrecisionPro™ and Uvex ExtremePro™ protective eyewear. Each style is designed to meet the unique needs of workers in the specific industries they serve. The Specifix collection embodies Uvex's unparalleled commitment to product innovation and a workplace culture of safety.

More information about the entire Specifix collection and multimedia product demonstrations are available at www.UvexSpecifix.com.

About Uvex

Uvex is the world's top-selling protective eyewear brand. Through high-performing products and innovative services, Uvex is the brand that inspires people to heighten awareness, increase productivity and foster a culture of safety in the workplace. For more than 60 years, Uvex has delivered the most advanced coatings, styles and materials to protect workers in every industry. Its commitment to rigorous testing and extensive research and development ensures that every Uvex style meets or exceeds industry safety standards while delivering unparalleled comfort. The brand's unique service offerings enable safety managers to access Uvex expertise, educational tools, programs and references to build and sustain best-in-class safety platforms. Sperian Protection offers Uvex® branded products exclusively in the Americas. For more information please visit www.uvex.us.

About Sperian Protection

With nearly 6,000 employees worldwide, Sperian Protection serves the global personal protective equipment (PPE) industry, providing hearing, eye, respiratory, fall, body and hand protection. As a world leader in multiple PPE categories, Sperian is committed to offering innovative products adapted to high-risk environments so that workers in the manufacturing and services industries can work with confidence. For more information, please visit www.sperian.com. Sperian Protection is listed on NYSE Euronext and is part of the SBF120. It is eligible for the SRD deferred settlement system.

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