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PRESS INFORMATION

Securitas AB and Saab AB collaborate on the guard monitoring and dispatch systems of the future

Securitas and Saab have made an agreement for the development of the next generation of systems for more efficient management of guard services and improved guard safety. The system will contain communication and production control of guarding services. The focus is on automated information flows, navigation, positioning and making instructions for action accessible to guards using hand held computers in a secure way.

"With Saab as a long-term development partner we can take further steps in developing manned guarding for the benefit of both our customers and our guards. This also helps to secure Securitas' position as market leader", says Lars Franzon, IT manager at Securitas Mobile Services in Europe.

The system will enable planning and execution of guarding and call-out assignments with increased precision and customer reporting in real time. The system will also allow for increased internal efficiency in planning, execution and reporting of guarding services and provide conditions for product and concept development. The project will include the development of systems for the guard's own safety. The system is developed in close collaboration between Securitas and Saab.

The system has three main components:

- New systems for Securitas dispatch and customer service centres with focus on automated information flows, positioning and navigation.
- Modern and secure communication solutions based on digital radio on public GSM/3G networks.
- New production tools where guards will be equipped with hand held computers in due course.

The introduction of the new systems and production tools will start with the Mobile guarding services division in Sweden and Norway during 2007 and will then be successively introduced in other divisions and countries.

“The project lies within Saab’s civil security operations and is a result of Saab Communication’s movement towards system solutions within robust and secure communication”, says Thomas Eriksson, business manager at Saab Communication. “The agreement is also proof of Saab’s capacity to handle a complete solution from development to operation and to take system responsibility for secure communication”, he continues.

Securitas is a world leader in security. The Group is organized in two specialized guarding divisions; Security Services North America, Security Services Europe and one specialized division for cash handling services – Loomis. The guarding operation is focused on specialized guarding services in various customer segments with 190,000 employees in 30 countries. The total market share is 12 percent with 19 percent in both North America and Europe. **Security Services Europe** operates in 20 countries and is organized in 125 geographical areas with 850 branches. The operations is divided in specialized guarding for large customers, Mobile services for small and medium sized customers and Alert Services – electronic surveillance for homes and businesses.

Saab Communication, part of the **Saab Group**, offers qualified communication services and robust tele-, data- and radio communications solutions for the defence, civil security, telecoms and traffic infrastructure areas – nationally and internationally.

***Saab** is one of the world’s leading high-technology companies, with its main operations focusing on defence, aviation, space and civil security. The group covers a broad spectrum of competence and capabilities in systems integration.*

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