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New Leadership for Nacre

Following the departure of Nacre's President and CEO for the last seven years, Mr. Eivind Bergsmyr, Nacre today announces the appointment of Mr. Chris Humphrey in the position of President/General Manager for the Nacre global business. Mr. Humphrey shall retain responsibility for the Sperian Protection Hearing Division based in San Diego, USA.



Chris Humphrey commented, "I am delighted with the opportunity to be able to work more closely with the Nacre team and help further the successes that have been achieved under the leadership of Eivind Bergsmyr. Eivind has done a great job developing Nacre to the company that it is today. This change will strengthen the cooperation and exchange across all hearing protection disciplines within Sperian and will help us leverage the QUIETPRO[®] technology into existing, as well as new market sectors. Nacre remains committed to the military sector and the fielding of more QUIETPRO[®] systems for the benefit of the soldier".

The success story of Nacre AS, the supplier of the QUIETPRO[®] Intelligent Hearing System, began in 2002.

As a promising technology in the laboratories of SINTEF (Scandinavia's largest independent research establishment), the QUIETPRO[®] has developed into the highest performing in-ear hearing protection and tactical communication system available today.

Unrivalled in all aspects including hearing protection from continuous and impulse noise, situational awareness and clarity of communications, the QUIETPRO[®] is delivering a real daily capability advantage to more than 50,000 military users, in 15 countries on 4 continents. It is also saving their hearing from temporary and permanent damage, which will ensure their quality of life after active service.

Sperian Protection acquired Nacre in 2007. Nacre now forms the core component of Sperian's Intelligent Hearing 'Centre of Excellence' with Howard Leight[®].

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Notes to editors.

Nacre was acquired in 2007 by Sperian Protection, the worldwide reference leader in Personal Protective Equipment.

Nacre is the company behind the highly successful QUIETPRO intelligent hearing protection and communication system. With approximately 50,000 systems delivered to-date, it is the only In-The-Ear communication ancillary that is deployed operationally around the globe. Nacre now operates from 5 locations across the USA, UK and Norway.

QUIETPRO[®] Intelligent Hearing System; is a fully automated hearing preservation and communication system, which enhances soldier's hearing when needed and protects it against temporary and permanent damage. It has been designed specifically to protect the soldier against the full range of battlefield noise(s) in dismounted and mounted roles.

For further product details visit www.nacre.no, www.nacre-us.com and www.sperianprotection.com

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