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Sperian Protection Adds New Lens Tints to Uvex Protégé XC™ Line

Amber and SCT-Blue Tints Increase Functionality to Popular Safety Eyewear

Smithfield, RI – January 5, 2009 – **Sperian Protection**, the world leader in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), announced today the addition of two new lens tints to its popular Uvex Protégé XC line, a product that combines sports-styling with lightweight comfort and a flexible design.

In addition to the current offerings of clear, gray and SCT-Reflect 50 mirrored lens tints, Uvex Protégé XC is now offered with an amber lens tint, which provides enhanced contrast in lower light applications, such as working outdoors at dusk or in fog; and an SCT-Blue lens tint, specifically designed for use in areas with high levels of yellow or sodium vapor lighting, such as in the semi-conductor industry.

With the addition of the amber and SCT-Blue lens tints, the popular Uvex Protégé XC meets the needs of even more workers across a variety of industries. Its proprietary Floating Lens design offers increased flexibility and fit with a secure wrap-around brow, while the expanded comfort and adjustability features include a soft cushioned nose bridge, flexible browbar, padded temple tips, and an ultra-lightweight package of less than one ounce with a lifetime frame guarantee.

Performance features include a wide range of lens tints; the highest available impact protection, complying with ANSI Z87+ (High Impact), CSA Z94.3, and Military V₀ ballistic tests for impact (7x greater than ANSI); as well as durable long-lasting Uvextra™ anti-fog and Hardcoat anti-scratch coatings.

Sperian Protection recently announced the new Uvex® branding direction, focusing on building a "Culture of Safety," and providing safety managers and their employees with the products, educational tools, support, and services necessary to achieve that culture. In the coming weeks, safety managers and workers can expect to see a dynamic, new interactive website with an easy-to-use product selector and a variety of educational tools. Future offerings will include on-site eyewear assessment surveys, vision screening, and prescription safety eyewear programs, all performed by trained Uvex representatives.

About Uvex by Sperian

Uvex by Sperian is the leading U.S. brand of premium quality, state-of-the-art, feature-rich safety spectacles, goggles and face shields that offer comfort and innovation without compromise. The world's top-selling protective eyewear brand, Uvex has been an acknowledged leader in safety eyewear innovation for more than 50 years and is the pioneer of many groundbreaking innovations such as a cost-effective silicone goggle body and MMT — Multi-Material Technology®. Sperian Protection offers Uvex branded safety eyewear and face protection products exclusively in the Americas. For more information, please visit www.uvex.us.

About Sperian Protection

With nearly 6,100 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

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adapted to high-risk environments so that workers in the manufacturing and services industries can work with confidence. For more information, please visit www.sperianprotection.com. Sperian Protection is listed on Euronext's Eurolist and on the SBF120. It is eligible for the SRD deferred settlement system.

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