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Uvex Inspires Safety with New Uvex SolarPro™ Protective Eyewear

Wrap-around design and lens tint options are ideal for protecting workers outdoors

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — May 4, 2010 — Sperian Protection, the world leader in personal protective equipment (PPE), today announced that its flagship brand, Uvex®, has launched Uvex SolarPro™ safety eyewear. The style's sport-inspired wrap-around design and variety of lens tint options provide excellent peripheral vision and comfort in environments where workers' protection from the sun is crucial to performance. Uvex SolarPro is ideally suited for construction, utility line work, landscaping, oil and gas industries and other outdoor applications. Like all Uvex lenses, the new style provides 99.9 percent ultra-violet protection.

Available in eight lens tints including mirrored, polarized and photochromic, Uvex SolarPro reduces solar glare and eye fatigue, which helps keep workers safer because they wear their protective eyewear longer. The style's 100 percent dielectric design makes it safe for work in electrical environments.

Uvex SolarPro features Uvex's new Supra-Dura® anti-scratch coating that provides five times more scratch resistance than other coatings on the market, Uvextreme® anti-fog coating and Dura-streme® dual anti-fog/anti-scratch coating options. Its soft, padded temples and nosepiece deliver a comfortable, non-slip fit, and four-position ratcheting temples make it easy to adjust the lens angle for a close fit. The eyewear meets ANSI Z87.1 safety standard and comes with a lifetime frame guarantee.

"We developed Uvex SolarPro based on extensive research among safety managers throughout the Americas, who cited product selection as a top challenge for protecting workers' eyes given today's overwhelming number of product choices," said David Iannelli, senior product manager for Uvex. "Because Uvex SolarPro is specially designed to excel in outdoor, bright-light and varying light conditions, it has never been easier to choose the best-suited safety eyewear for the job."

Uvex SolarPro is one of four new styles introduced in the Uvex Specifix™ Collection, which also includes Uvex VersaPro™, 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 an 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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