



Saft lithium batteries to power Sensile Technologies' smart telemetry devices for oil and gas storage tanks

- *Primary batteries based on Saft LS17500 primary lithium cells will power SENTSTM sensing and telemetry solutions at remote oil and gas storage sites*
- *Long-life batteries will deliver reliable power for sensors up to 10 years*

Paris, January 29, 2013 – Saft, the world's leading designer and manufacturer of advanced batteries for industry, has signed a contract with Sensile Technologies, the Swiss machine to machine (M2M) equipment specialist, to provide over 20,000 primary lithium batteries to power smart remote GSM telemetry and level-monitoring systems for oil and gas storage tanks.

The batteries, based on Saft LS17500 lithium-thionyl chloride (Li-SOCl₂) cells, offer a service life of 7 to 10 years, making them ideal for Sensile Technologies' devices, which will be installed at remote locations for customers who demand reliability and long life. The 7.2 V 3.6 Ah batteries will power the latest generation SENTSTM devices that measure liquid or gas tank levels, record the data and transfer it by SMS (short message service) or GPRS (general packet radio service) to a central monitoring system.

The SENTSTM systems provide customers with detailed knowledge of exactly how much liquid or gas is stored in their tanks, enabling them to offer improved service to their own customers, with the assurance that the tank will never run dry. They also benefit from optimised purchasing of fuel, gasoline, LPG, lubricants and other stored fluids.

The Saft LS series cells are designed for metering applications, where they have an extremely wide operating temperature range of - 60 °C to + 85 °C, are leak-proof at up to + 130°C, and housed in corrosion-proof containers. The cells are stable and reliable with low self-discharge, enabling the SENTSTM sensors to meet their specified operating life of 10 years with no need for battery replacement or other maintenance operations.

Sensile Technologies anticipates that the long-life SENTSTM sensors will be popular with customers looking to optimise stocks and deliveries, reduce logistics costs and accurately monitor consumption levels. "The long life, safe and reliability of the Saft batteries means that maintenance and replacement costs are kept to a minimum, also benefitting the environment", said Jean-Marc Uehlinger, Sensile's Operational Director.

About Saft

Saft (Euronext: Saft) is a world leader in the design and manufacture of advanced technology batteries for industry. The Group is the world's leading manufacturer of nickel batteries and primary lithium batteries for the industrial infrastructure and processes, transportation, civil and military electronics markets. Saft is the world leader in space and defence batteries with its Li-ion technologies which are also being deployed in the energy storage, transportation and telecommunication markets. Saft's 4,000 employees present in 19 countries, its 16 manufacturing sites and extensive sales network all contribute to accelerating the Group's growth for the future.

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About Sensile Technologies

Founded in 1999 and based in Morges, Switzerland, Sensile Technologies is a market leader in remote monitoring solutions for the oil & gas industry. Sensile Technologies supplies high-quality products - all Swiss made and ATEX certified - and dedicated service and support. Sensile' solution is currently installed on more than 40,000 tanks and meters, in over 42 countries on all continents. Sensile is active in Europe, Oceania, North America and Africa. *For more information, visit Sensile at www.sensile.com*

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