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## **G4S PLC**

### **Acquisition of Progard Securitas d.o.o.**

G4S, the world's leading international security solutions group, today announces the acquisition of 85% of Progard Securitas d.o.o. ("Progard"), the market leader in professional security services in the Republic of Serbia, from Consolidated Developments Limited, its majority shareholder, Copernicus Capital Partners and Mrs Milena Ignjatovic. Consolidated Developments Limited, owned by Mr Tihomir Trivunac, will remain a shareholder with a 15% interest. Completion of the acquisition is subject to Serbian Competition Authority approval. Gross assets of the acquired company are €5.5 million.

Headquartered in Belgrade, Progard provides manned security, cash services and alarm monitoring services throughout Serbia. Through affiliated companies, it also has established footholds in Montenegro, F.Y.R. of Macedonia and Croatia. Progard has a broad customer base amongst banks, hotels, retail chains, restaurants, manufacturing, refining, and chemical businesses, with a focus on multi-nationals present in Serbia. Progard employs around [3,000] people and its sales in 2007 were approximately €15.5 million.

Andreas Paterakis, G4S's Regional President for South Eastern Europe, said, "We are pleased to welcome Progard's customers and employees into the G4S family. We are eager to include Progard as part of our South Eastern Europe strategic portfolio and we anticipate that this acquisition will contribute in many positive ways to our future expansion plans in this fast growing region.

The combination of Progard with our existing Serbian business will allow G4S to achieve full national coverage in all product offerings, enhance its regional standing and benefit from Progard's experienced management and infrastructure. We are also delighted that Mr. Trivunac will be remaining as our partner to assist us in further growing our business in Serbia and the region."

Mr. Trivunac said, "Over the past few years, Progard has experienced rapid growth and has confirmed its position as market leader in security services in Serbia, offering a complete solutions package to its customers. Now is the right time for Progard to take the next step in its development and become part of a global leader like G4S, a move that will fuel its future growth and help the company reach its full potential in the region."

### **About G4S plc**

G4S is the world's leading international security solutions group, which specializes in assessing current and future risks and developing secure solutions to minimize their impact across a wide range of geographic markets and business sectors.

G4S is a major provider of risk management and protection to governments and major corporate customers around the world and is an expert in all aspects of local and international secure logistics.

G4S is the largest employer quoted on the London Stock Exchange and has a secondary stock exchange listing in Copenhagen. G4S has operations in over 110 countries and over 530,000 employees. For more information on G4S, visit [www.g4s.com](http://www.g4s.com).

### **About Progard Securitas d.o.o.**

Progard Securitas d.o.o. ("Progard"), headquartered in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, is the leading private security company in Serbia, with nearly 3,000 employees. Progard was founded in 1992 under the name "Protector" and received its current name in 1997.

Over the years, due to its highly professional and motivated management, Progard has evolved into the leading private security company in the country. Progard operates in more

than 125 cities and towns across Serbia and has branches in F.Y.R of Macedonia, Croatia and Montenegro.

Progard's market share increased with the expansion of its major customers (foreign banks, industrial sites, petrol retailers, retail stores). Thus, Progard is well placed to benefit from the growth of its customers which will track the substantial development of the Serbian economy. For more information on Progard, visit [www.progard.co.yu](http://www.progard.co.yu).

### **About Copernicus Capital Partners**

Copernicus Capital Partners ("Copernicus") is a private equity fund management company which has operated in the countries of Central & Eastern Europe since the early 1990s. Headquartered in Warsaw, Copernicus has managed an investment fund targeted specifically at South East Europe since early 2000, operating from offices in Zagreb, Belgrade and Bucharest. This Fund includes commitments from several international institutional investors including The European Bank for Reconstruction & Development and the International Finance Corporation, a division of the World Bank.

The Fund's investment commitment to Progard was made in December 2003 and is one of several investments made by Copernicus in growing Serbian businesses. The Fund has in addition invested in a number of Croatian companies across a range of sectors. Copernicus last year completed the sale of its successful Croatian cable television group (Adriatic Kabel d.o.o.) to an Austrian strategic investor; this transaction generated exceptional returns for Copernicus and was shortlisted by Real Deals magazine as one of their Central European "Deals of the Year".

The Copernicus team responsible for the investment in Progard comprised Keith Mellors and Neil Milne (Joint Managing Partners), Steve Richmond (Investment Director) and Hajdi Mostic (Investment Manager).