

Paris, 28th March 2011

Subject: Declaration of conformity to the standard EN 353-1 and additional tests

Dear Customer, dear Partner,

We refer to our notification in March 2010 that the European Commission has withdrawn the European Standard EN 353-1: 2002 “Personal protective equipment against falls from height – Part 1: Guided type fall arresters including a rigid anchor line”. The withdrawal was published in the European Union’s Official Journal on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

Since that date a new standard has been under preparation. During the transition period, the notified bodies have implemented additional tests outlined in the test procedure CNB/P/11.073 to re-evaluate the safety of Fall Protection Systems in accordance with the European Directive 89/686/EEC.

**We are pleased to inform you that all the Fall Protection Systems that we currently sell have successfully passed the additional tests and confirm accordingly that these products can be used without restriction. They must of course be used in accordance with their applicable user manuals, and in particular the shuttles must only be used together with their associated anchor-line or rail manufactured by Sperian. Our current list of products, and pictures of them, are set out in Annex 1 to this letter.**

**As manufacturing and sales of the under mentioned shuttles stopped some years ago (“Discontinued Products”), we cannot apply for the additional tests at the notified bodies.** We will therefore stop annual inspections and repairs of these.

- Söll Compact shuttle sales ended in 2004
- Söll Universal shuttle sales ended in 1994
- Söll Simplex shuttle sales ended in 1992
- Söll Standard shuttle sales ended in 1990

Pictures of these Discontinued Products are shown in Annex 2.

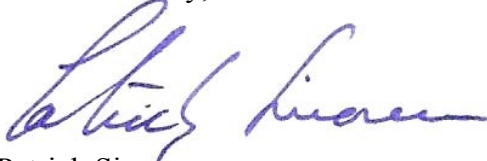
Please note that, as per the European Directive, it is the owner’s responsibility to ensure the safety of users of guided type fall arresters including a rigid anchor line. While the Discontinued Products met all applicable standards at the time they were sold, as a matter of precaution, if you continue to use these Discontinued Products, you should only do so in conjunction with an additional protective device (like a Y Lanyard). If you would like to purchase one of our current products, please contact a Miller® Fall Protection sales representative.

If you are a distributor or if you have supplied our products to other companies that use today guided type fall arresters including a rigid anchor line, please forward this message accordingly to ensure all owners and users are informed.

Our user’s safety is always our highest priority. As the world leader in Safety at Height, we participate in the Working Group 2, which is in charge of developing the new European standard EN 353-1.

We will keep you informed on the evolution of this new standard and welcome any questions on the following mail address: [353-info@sperian.com](mailto:353-info@sperian.com)

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Simoneau'.

Patrick Simoneau  
Safety at Height Sales Director Europe

## ANNEX 1

### **Guided type fall arresters including a rigid anchor line that are successfully certified according to EN 353-1 and the additional tests :**

**The Söll Vigo and Glideloc Systems have passed the additional tests carried out by DEKRA and the official certificate numbers respectively ZB09-4876 and ZB09-4712 stay valid**

- Shuttle Söll Vigo
- Shuttle Söll Comfort, Comfort<sup>2</sup>, Comfort UK
- Shuttle Söll Universal II

All the declarations of conformity for these products can be downloaded on our internet site : [www.fall-protection.com](http://www.fall-protection.com)

**The Miller Systems have passed the additional tests carried out by APAVE.**

- Shuttle Miller Microloc/KM cable, official certificate number : QU24U1/10.06.0495-0/VR
- Shuttle Miller Securail, official certificate number : QU24U1/10.06.0496-0/VR

All the declarations of conformity for these products can be downloaded on our internet site : [www.sperian.com](http://www.sperian.com)

**The Antec System has passed the additional tests carried out by APAVE**

- Shuttle Antec Cabmax, official certificate number : QU24U1/10.06.0497-1/VR
- Shuttle SKC, official certificate number : 0082/052/160/10/10/0285-EXT01/10/10
- Shuttle SKC with □issipater, official certificate number :

0082/052/160/10/10/0286-EXT04/10/10

All the declarations of conformity for these products can be downloaded on our internet site : [www.antec.com](http://www.antec.com)



Söll Comfort



Söll Comfort 2



Söll Comfort UK



Söll Universal II



Söll Vigo



Miller Microloc



Miller Securail



Antec Cabmax



SKC

## ANNEX 2

### Discontinued Products



Söll Compact



Söll Simplex



Söll Standard



Söll Universal