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Press release

SPIE announces the signing of an agreement for the takeover of the APX group's facilities management subsidiary

Paris, 19 July 2012 – The SPIE and APX groups have announced the signing of an agreement, subject to approval of the French competition watchdog, for the takeover by SPIE Communications of the APX subsidiary specialising in facilities management.

APX's facilities management business (providing local services along with facilities management) is complementary to that of SPIE Infoservices, a subsidiary of SPIE Communications. The company, which maintains close ties with its customers (major clients and administrations) operates from the following four main services centres: helpdesk in Rungis (Val-de-Marne) and Lyon (Rhône), remote services in Echirolles (Isère) and logistics in Herblay (Val-d'Oise). It has 1,030 employees and achieved sales worth €58 million in 2011. Building on its principles of local service, efficiency and responsibility in serving its customers and local authorities, SPIE Communications is now consolidating its position as a leader in communication systems and distributed IT infrastructures. By acquiring the APX facilities management subsidiary, SPIE Communications will continue strengthening its position in this market, with complete mastery in areas of from the workspace to datacentre infrastructures and including all IP networks. As a result, we will be able to step up the pace of implementation of our strategy to become a global IT services company and increase our range of service offerings," says Gilles Brazey, CEO of SPIE Communications. "Created by the merger between APX facilities management subsidiary and Getronics in 2006, our business activity has shown constant growth in this field, winning prestigious new customer references every year," points out Noël Saille, Chairman and CEO of the APX group, "Our personnel have always been responsiveness to our customers' requirements while being innovative and developing their expertise. The addition of our specialised facilities management unit to the SPIE Group will ensure that our customers' new needs continue to be anticipated and that its business will continue to expand in the long term." This transaction should be finalised by the end of August.

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