

Media release

Kaba improves management structure of Access + Data Systems segment

Rümlang, 8 April 2009 – **With a view to further enhancing the efficiency of the Group, on 1 July 2009 Kaba will put in place a new management structure for its Access + Data Systems segment. Safe Locks and Wah Yuet will be brought together to form a new Industrial Locks segment. All the segment's other operations will be placed under a central management set-up.**

On 1 July 2009, Kaba will introduce a central management structure for its Access + Data Systems segment, which is currently organized into four independently managed divisions. This will enhance the efficiency of this segment and will provide for better use of synergies between the American, European and Asian regions. The new Access + Data Systems segment will be headed by Ulrich Wydler. "The new global management structure in the Access + Data Systems segment will bring major benefits for multinational customers, as it will mean that all our integrated systems and services can be made available worldwide. We also see great potential for synergies for Kaba in R&D. An overarching management set-up for research and innovation will enable us to globally make use of our core technologies and their local adaptation will bring significant advantages in the marketplace. There are further synergies in marketing, production and in cross-selling as well as in optimization of the value-added chain," explains Rudolf Weber, CEO Kaba Group.

A new segment called Industrial Locks will also be created, which will bring together the current Safe Locks division and the Chinese Wah Yuet Group. Rudolf Weber elaborates: "Wah Yuet sells a large proportion of its products in the American market. Those existing American distribution entities, which are currently led by the designate head of the new segment, Carl Sideranko, will contribute additional know-how and distribution capabilities, without any compromise to Wah Yuet's efficiency and autonomy."

From 1 July 2009, the European distributions operation, currently the direct responsibility of Access + Data Systems EMEA Division Head Ulrich Wydler, will be headed by Mike Segmüller (Swiss, 45). Mike Segmüller has held various management posts at Kaba since 1994, and is currently in charge of the Competence Center Access + Workforce Management.

Andreas Brechbühl, a current member of the Group Management Committee, will retain responsibility for the Asian markets within the Access + Data Systems segment.

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