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## **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 Mr. Tihomir Trivunac, its majority shareholder, and Copernicus Capital Partners. Mr. Trivunac will remain a shareholder with a 15% interest. Completion of the acquisition is subject to Serbian [and Montenegrin] Competition Authority approval. Gross assets of the acquired company are €5.5 million.

Headquartered in Belgrade, Progard provides manned guarding, cash in transit 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 client base amongst banks, hotels, retail chains, restaurants, manufacturing, refining, and chemical businesses, with a focus on multinationals 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 Southeastern 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 Southeastern Europe strategic portfolio and we anticipate that this acquisition will contribute in many positive ways to our future expansion plans for the 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 clear position as market leader in security services in Serbia, offering a complete solutions package to its clients. 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."

G4S was advised by Vector Partners, a corporate finance boutique based in Athens, Greece.

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## **Notes to Editors:**

### **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 along the business expansion of its major clients (foreign banks, industrial sites, petrol retailers, retail stores). Thus, Progard is well placed to benefit from the growth of its clients 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)