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## **Press release**

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### **INTERSPIRO forced to increase prices**

INTERSPIRO Central Europe, Member of the Ocenco INTERSPIRO - Group, one of the leading suppliers in the field of personal protection equipment, has announced an average price increase of 6.9 % from 1 January 2009 because of continuously increasing costs for raw materials, energy, transport and other costs associated with manufacturing.

Thorsten Marquardt, General Manager Central Europe, stated "INTERSPIRO has been able to avoid price increases for many years. We have kept our prices stable and did not pass on the price increases from our suppliers to our customers.

Unfortunately, we have no choice but to adjust our prices because of the overall economic and financial situation prevalent on world markets at the current time."

INTERSPIRO has made strenuous efforts over the years to keep price increases as low as possible and is continuously engaged in the optimisation of its manufacturing processes. Thorsten Marquardt added: "We continuously work on the improvement of our processes and keep the costs associated with transport as low as possible.

We are looking for suppliers world-wide who comply both with our stringent quality and pricing requirements, to ensure that any future pricing adjustments are kept to a minimum."