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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SME manufacturers of Respiratory Protective Devices launch their new association in Europe: "SME Safety"**

On 15 Nov 2012 in Brussels, under the umbrella of NORMAPME – the European Office of SMEs for Standardization, the SME manufacturers of Respiratory Protective Devices (RPD) join their forces to launch a brand new association, SME Safety.

SME Safety will act as an interest group in the EU policy and regulatory debate and will bring forward the interests of its member-SMEs.

The new association, built around the core group SME manufacturers, will be a platform open to all SMEs having a stake in the safety products. Among its founding members, SME Safety also counts EBC - the European Builders Confederation that represents 2 million SMEs in construction sector.

The newly elected President of SME Safety, Mr Alberto Spasciani said: *"It is time for SMEs to unite their strengths and make their voice heard. SMEs are the driving force of Europe, providing jobs and wealth. Europe must put its SMEs first!"*

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#### **SME Safety Founding Members:**

- BartelsRieger Atemschutztechnik GmbH & Co. KG (GERMANY)
- DPI srl (ITALY)
- EBC – European Builders Confederation (EU)
- EKASTU Safety GmbHc (GERMANY)
- Kasco Srl (ITALY)
- Malina-Safety s.r.o. (CZECH REPUBLIC)
- MILLA Srl (ITALY)
- Spasciani Spa (ITALY)
- Spiroptic Kft (HUNGARY)
- Spring Protezione Srl (ITALY)
- Valmy SAS (FRANCE)