



Press Release

## **New head of Key & Ident Systems Europe / Asia Pacific**

**Rümlang, 24.10.2005 – Effective January 1, 2006, the management of Key & Ident Systems Europe / Asia Pacific will be entrusted to Roberto Gaspari. The designated COO and General Manager of Kaba's Silca S.p.A. in Vittorio Veneto (Italy) is expanding Silca's business in Asia Pacific and South America. He succeeds Guy Petignat who is leaving the Kaba Group.**

Roberto Gaspari (46) joined Kaba in March 2002 and since then has been the General Manager of Silca S.p.A. in Vittorio Veneto, Italy. Currently, he is supervising the expansion of Silca's business in Asia Pacific and South America. Previously, from 1997 to 2002, he served Watts Industries Inc., a multinational American company, as Managing Director Italy and France. From 1988 to 1997, he was the Managing Director of CISA S.p.A. Gaspari graduated in business administration at the University of Milan. He will take over the management of the Key & Ident Systems Europe / Asia Pacific division effective January 1, 2006, and concurrently become a member of the Executive Board.

With this change in management, Silca will further strengthen its focus on the Asian and South American markets. In particular, the company intends to intensify its activities in China. Silca is the world market leader both in the replacement key business and in key cutting and coding machines.

Guy Petignat, the division's previous COO, will leave Kaba at the end of the year to assume an executive function elsewhere. Kaba regrets his departure and wishes to thank him for his services to the company.

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