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Press release European Lift Association

Conclusion of the European Commission Enquiry

The European Lift Association (ELA) was informed today about the European Commission decision to impose fines to several lift and escalator manufacturers, for activities carried out in four European countries.

ELA was itself subject of the same investigation which was started in January 2004. However, ELA was cleared of any wrongdoing by the European Commission already in July of the same year, when the European Commission decided not to pursue its investigation against ELA and that “the file was thus closed”.

Any competition law infringements are in contradiction with the rules and policies of ELA as well as its member associations and the companies they regroup. ELA has a strict antitrust compliance program aimed at ensuring conformity with competition laws. Since the beginning of the European Commission enquiry, ELA has reinforced the communication of its strict antitrust guidelines to its members.

For additional information regarding the judgement of the European Commission ELA refers to the respective media statements of the involved elevator & escalator companies.

ELA represents the lift, escalator and moving walk industry, active in the enlarged European Union, Norway and Switzerland, whether they are national associations or sector specific associations. ELA also represents their components manufacturers. The sector represents a global turnover of € 3 billion in 2005 and more than 120,000 persons employed for some 4 million lifts installed (+120,000 new lifts/year). Thanks to this very wide representation, ELA is the main communication vector of the lift, escalator and moving walk industry to the European Commission, the European Parliament and a range of other institutions and organisations. Its aim is also to help national associations in their dialogue with their respective governments.

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