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Protegis Announced as New Brand Name for Recently Merged ISA and ABCO

The merged company is one of the most robust in U.S. for centralized fire and life safety products, services and parts

Louisville, KY / Cleveland, OH – After two of the country’s best-known names in fire protection, suppression and alarm systems, International Systems of America (“ISA”) and ABCO Fire Protection (“ABCO”), announced a merger in August 2018, they have together now rebranded under one name – Protegis Fire & Safety. Protegis is Latin meaning “to protect” or “to cover.” Solidifying its wide-ranging managed service capabilities, the company now has a presence in 43 states and Canada. Protegis employs more than 300 fire protection contractors and safety technicians throughout the country. The company will maintain its primary offices in Louisville, KY and Cleveland, OH. Mike Epperson is the current CEO of ISA and will serve as CEO of Protegis.

The new name, Protegis, allows the company to unify its 350 fire protection contractors, safety technicians and employees around the country under one brand. Protegis will continue to provide the same quality, attention to detail, response times and passion-to-protect its thousands of customers throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The Protegis name represents the company’s three core tenets: **Professional, Proactive, Protection.**

“We are thrilled with our new name and feel that Protegis absolutely captures the promise that we make to our customers,” says Mike Epperson, CEO of Protegis. “We are truly a single source for installing, protecting and monitoring protection, prevention and suppression products, services and replacement parts.”

As part of the company's rebrand, Protegis has also launched a new website, which can be found at www.protegis.com. The website provides a comprehensive overview of Protegis' services as well as an online parts store, where parts can be ordered and are typically shipped within 24 hours.

ISA was acquired in December 2017 by Align Capital Partners, a private-equity firm with offices in Dallas and Cleveland. The ABCO merger was closed in August 2018. Protegis will continue to seek fire and life safety service providers across the United States as it continues to expand its geographic footprint and service capabilities.

About Protegis

Protegis (the "Company") provides inspection, maintenance, installation, and repair services and sells new, repaired, and remanufactured parts for fire and security systems and equipment. The Company's team of professional engineers/designers and NICET-certified technicians design, install, and program a wide variety of fire and security alarm brands. The Company's national footprint and one-stop solution attract customers seeking to simplify their fire safety services spend and increase service quality through vendor consolidation.

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