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New DBI-SALA Sealed-Blok Self-Retracting Lifeline from Capital Safety Offers Durable, Reliable Fall Protection *SRL lowers cost of ownership; maximizes work site versatility*

RED WING, Minn. — July 8th, 2010 — Capital Safety, home of the DBI-SALA and PROTECTA brands of fall protection equipment, introduces the new DBI-SALA 50-Foot Sealed-Blok™ Self-Retracting Lifeline (SRL). The new SRL, an addition to Capital Safety's extensive line of industry-leading Sealed-Blok self-retracting lifelines, is designed to withstand the harshest operating environments, and includes features that maximize work site versatility and lower the cost of ownership. Industry-first features new to the 50-Foot Sealed-Blok SRL include the optional RSQ™ dual-mode rescue capability, FAST-Line™ field replaceable lifeline, 420-pound weight capacity, and IP68 certification. In addition, units are available with an integrated retrieval winch.

The 50-Foot Sealed-Blok SRL is the first sealed self-retracting lifeline to achieve IP68 certification. This code, as defined by international standard IEC 60529, describes the product's ability to seal out solids and liquids such as dirt, dust and water. In addition to providing the highest level of ingress protection available on the market, the Sealed-Blok SRL also offers the highest weight capacity of any SRL on the market at 420 pounds.

A patented industry first, the exclusive RSQ rescue capability allows the user to choose (prior to use) between automatic rescue mode and fall arrest mode. If a



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fall occurs while the device is in automatic rescue mode, the SRL will arrest the fall and then automatically lower the worker safely to the ground or next level. If a fall occurs while the device is in fall arrest mode, the SRL will arrest the fall and then allow for an assisted rescue to take place. This two-in-one operation offers work site versatility and optimization for each fall hazard. It can also lower the cost of a user's fall protection program because separate rescue equipment may not be needed.

The FAST-Line field replaceable lifeline provides trained end-users the option of replacing the lifeline in the field rather than sending it to an authorized service center, reducing equipment downtime and lowering the cost of ownership. The unique lifeline design provides simple verification of proper assembly in that the SRL will not operate if the cable is installed incorrectly.

The Sealed-Blok SRL is the only sealed self-retracting lifeline available with a retrieval winch for raising and lowering personnel or materials. The SRL can be quickly converted to and from retrieval mode for fast and efficient operation. The input crank handle has a primary brake that will prevent movement of the load upon release of the handle. An optional bracket makes for quick and easy attachment of the SRL to tripods and davits.

"Capital Safety was the first manufacturer to develop a sealed self-retracting lifeline. In the more than 17 years since its introduction, our Sealed-Blok design has been field-proven, operating safely in some of the world's most challenging work environments," says Jeff Radichel, senior product manager with Capital Safety. "This next-generation Sealed-Blok improves upon the original design, adding features that increase versatility and lower cost of ownership by extending maintenance intervals and product longevity."



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The durable construction maximizes the service life of the Sealed-Blok SRL. All dynamic components, including the motor spring and brake system, are sealed inside the housing, protecting them from oil, grease, dirt, water and chemicals. The cast aluminum housings and heavy gauge stainless steel end-plates resist damage and corrosion.

The Sealed-Blok SRL's features also simplify transportation, installation and use. For example, a built-in carrying handle makes transport to the work location and anchoring easy, the large pivoting anchorage stays in line with the load and allows a variety of connecting hardware to be used, and the SRL maintains consistent lifeline retraction and proper fall arrest distances and forces. Another noteworthy feature is the anti-ratcheting pawl design that stops falls within inches and limits arresting forces. Additionally, the SRL comes with an i-Safe™ Intelligent Safety System RFID tag built into the unit to track inspections, control inventory and manage product information.

Capital Safety, one of the world's leading manufacturers of fall protection, confined space and rescue equipment, with 12 operating sites worldwide and a passionate commitment to quality, innovation and safety, is home of the DBI-SALA and PROTECTA brands. All of Capital Safety's fall protection and rescue systems are backed by extensive training, knowledgeable technical assistance and professional customer service. For further information, contact Capital Safety at 800-328-6146, 651-388-8282 or visit them on the web at www.capitalsafety.com.

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