

Press Release

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SG Equipment Finance opens a subsidiary in Ukraine

SG Equipment Finance, the leading European specialist for Equipment and Vendor Finance, establishes a subsidiary in Ukraine to extend the scope of its international network. SG Equipment Finance aims to develop its existing multi-country relationships and vendor programmes in Ukraine, and spread its expertise into this new territory.

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This development confirms SG Equipment Finance's strategy of supporting leading international equipment manufacturers, and providing them with flexible and innovative financing solutions whatever the market and the needs. The new subsidiary reinforces the leading position of SG Equipment Finance across Europe and is a step further in its developing coverage in Central and Eastern Europe.

SG Equipment Finance will be able to reinforce its commitments with key customers of Société Générale group. Moreover, the creation of this new subsidiary reflects the willingness of Société Générale to develop further synergies between its business lines.

Société Générale

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SG Equipment Finance

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- Operates in 20 countries
- Serves more than 150,000 clients
- Employs more than 1,800 people
- End managed assets of EUR 17.6 billion and EUR 8.3 billion in terms of new business volumes (December 2005)

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