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### **SSAIB UKAS Accreditation**

On the 12th February the SSAIB, the technical inspectorate, received its certificate of accreditation from UKAS, in accordance with the provisions of the ACPO/ABI Sector Scheme.

The SSAIB, who has over 1,250 recognised companies, has been working to the UKAS guidelines for the past year in order to gain this success and to further strengthen itself, and its recognised firms, in this highly competitive market place.

"I am delighted that the SSAIB has achieved UKAS accreditation to the ACPO/ABI Sector Scheme. I am particularly pleased that ACPO and the ABI chose a scheme based upon Product Certification thereby endorsing our approach to regulation which has traditionally focused on the competence of firms to design, install and maintain security systems in accordance with published standards. The SSAIB intends to continue its focus on the issues which really will improve standards, a rigorous inspection regime operated in positive manner designed to encourage compliance all supported by staff with many years of experience in the industry". Said Geoff Tate, Chief Executive of the SSAIB

The SSAIB has always operated essentially a product certification scheme, which has been valued and respected by installers and insurers for a number of years, but the UKAS Accreditation gives it the credibility necessary to continue on its development in 2002.

"This is a very exciting time for the SSAIB and its recognised firms" said Henry Lott, Marketing Manager. "The SSAIB has always worked alongside installers and we both have a lot of hard work ahead ensuring that we gain as much benefit from the Accreditation as possible, and we will be starting a marketing campaign to promote our new status and recognised firms to a wide and varied market place. It is also very positive to other installers who can now choose between more than one UKAS Accredited Inspectorates for the first time"

To summarise, previous insistence by some insurers that intruder alarm systems only be installed by a NACOSS registered installer is no longer the case. Installation by Companies certificated by a UKAS accredited inspectorate are also now acceptable. Bradling Security Limited are approved installers of the SSAIB (Security Systems & Alarms Inspection Board) which has been granted UKAS accreditation this year.