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Croma Security Solutions Group Plc

("CSSG", "Croma", "the "Company" or the "Group")

Acquisition of Leeds Locksmith

Croma Security Solutions Group plc (AIM:CSSG) is pleased to announce that it has completed the acquisition of Meridian Securities System Limited ("Meridian"), a well-established, family run locksmith business based in Horsforth, Leeds for a total cash consideration of £150,000, of which c.£135,000 is payable immediately, with a deferred element of c.£15,000 payable over the first 9 months. In a separate transaction, the Company acquired a freehold retail property for a total cash consideration of £275,000 from the vendor's pension fund.

Founded and owned by John and Kim Taylor in 2004, Meridian has been providing locksmith services and electronic security systems to the local resident and business community for over 20 years. Operating from a single store, as well as providing a successful online service, Meridian has 6 employees of whom 3, are part of the Taylor family, and all of whom will remain with the business.

For the 12 months to 31 December 2023, Meridian generated revenues of £836,000 and profit before tax of £46,000. The net asset value of the assets acquired from the Meridian is £15,000.

Located in Horsforth, Leeds the store extends the Croma network northwards and is in easy reach of the Group's security centre in Bury just 40 miles away. Meridian enjoys a high level of electronic security sales which is part of Bury's core expertise and so the two sites should combine well and have already begun to collaborate.

The acquisition of Meridian is part of the Group's broader strategic plan to build a national network of modern security centres. As with previous acquisitions, Meridian will be incorporated into the business, benefiting from a broader product range and centralised services. The store will continue to service the local existing customer base, as well as the wider Croma network of commercial clients.

John Taylor, Managing Director of Meridian, said: "We have been looking to balance our desire to realise the value in our business whilst also continuing to work. Croma is therefore an ideal partner for us, they have a strong track record of incorporating similar businesses to ours into the Group and they have the skills and expertise to grow Meridian, especially in the commercial market where historically we have struggled to meet demand. As the founder of the business and having grown it from scratch, I'm excited to continue my career as part of the Croma team."

Roberto Fiorentino, Chief Executive Officer, commented: "We are delighted to welcome Meridian into the Group. The business meets all our criteria and is therefore a strong fit. We anticipate being able to increase the profitability of the business ensuring it quickly becomes earnings accretive and extends our geographic reach. As importantly, we have a good pipeline of further transactions which we are looking forward to bringing to completion."

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Notes to editors:

Croma Security Solutions is an expanding technology led security solutions provider with over 50 years of specialist experience, delivering high-quality security solutions across locksmith, fire and security services for both domestic and commercial environments. The Groups network currently stands at 17 security centres, stretching from its headquarters in Southampton, across the Midlands and up to the Northwest. Croma services a range of sectors including health, education, leisure and entertainment, and utilities, and is trusted by national brands, including multiple NHS Trusts, with their complex security needs.

Croma's growth strategy is focused on establishing a national security network. In 2023, it sold its man-guarding business Vigilant for £6.5m, which has provided the capital to fund the expansion of the business. Croma is a proven acquirer of local, traditional locksmith businesses, which are developed into its network of modern security centres, offering both total security solutions and locksmith services to retail and commercial customers. The new security centres benefit from extended product ranges, centralised group services, and both a local and national customer base. Since the sale in 2023, Croma has added new businesses to its network, and has a strong pipeline of further locksmiths stores to be acquired into the network.

Croma is listed on the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange. Founded in 1970, it is headquartered in Southampton and has over 90 employees.

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