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TOP CLASS ELECTROMECHANICAL LOCKING SOLUTION LAUNCHED BY PICKERSGILL-KAYE AND CORE

Leeds based Pickersgill-Kaye Ltd and Belfast based Core Systems (NI) Ltd have announced the launch of a new style, high security electromechanical cell door lock and software which will contribute to a safe and reliable cell management and locking system within police stations, prisons and other high security detention facilities.

“K-Interactive” is a range of locks designed by Pickersgill-Kaye following the success of its Kaye Class 1 Cell lock which has been selected for use by a growing number of consortia in new build custodial facilities throughout the UK. The K-Interactive locking series and OneTouch electronic control technology designed by Core Systems, combine to provide the highest specification custodial locking solution on the market. It is a modular solution ranging from standalone mechanical locks to a complete end-to-end computer controlled custody management system.

This latest development further cements Pickersgill-Kaye’s growing reputation as a manufacturer of quality high security locking solutions, building on over 150 years experience in the specialist design and manufacture of locking mechanisms for the world’s custodial, architectural and railway industries.

The new lock has the same footprint and fixing points as existing mechanical Class 1 Cell/Pass Locks and fits all UK cell doors. With versatility designed in, it can be configured to operate standalone or networked and offers three locking options – mechanical only, or electromechanical with or without memory in the lock.

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Core's OneTouch software is designed to monitor all authorised and unauthorised action and record each event in real time allowing K-Interactive to be interrogated and data retrieved immediately as required. It is possible for the software to be updated without taking the lock out of commission. In addition, the lock cannot be manipulated through local application of electronic or electrical interference – adding to its high security performance.

In an emergency the lock can be operated by an 8 lever Kaye master key which overrides all deadlocking electronic settings. For durability, K-Interactive is manufactured from a one piece heavy duty solid steel zinc plated lock body with a high quality scratch resistant powder coat finish. It is designed to automatically deadlock on closure and, externally, features a new style anti ligature handle - an important consideration for all those with responsibility for the welfare of detainees.

Crucially, the lock has been rigorously tested and was designed specifically to meet the demanding physical performance criteria laid down in SS317 – A Specification for Locks for Custodial Doors - and to also incorporate the relevant standards laid down in the soon to be published European Standard EN 14846:2007 for electromechanically operated locks and latches. SS317 accurately measures a cell locks resistance to wilful damage, its physical security, ergonomics and performance in a hostile environment.

Commenting on this latest advance, Pickersgill-Kaye's business development manager for security and engineering products John Moore said: "This is a significant development for the industry. It is all about standards which provide verifiable and independent proof of performance. K-Interactive has been put through rigorous testing procedures to ensure its operational reliability, safety and security. Locks in use in high security environments must combine utmost security with total performance reliability. K-Interactive adds another significant component to what Pickersgill-Kaye can offer the custodial market."

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Background information:

Pickersgill-Kaye Ltd has built a solid reputation over the past 150 years through the specialist design and manufacture of Kaye's patent door locks for the architectural and railway industries throughout the UK and overseas. More recently, the company has diversified and is now using its expertise to design high quality locks for the UK detention industry.

Operating from premises in Leeds, the company uses state of the art CAD systems linked to advanced CNC engineering facilities, producing high quality, British engineered products to the highest quality standards.

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