

**Issued on behalf of Pickersgill-Kaye Ltd****Date: 29th June 2011****Ref: P-Kaye PR30a MPL****PICKERSGILL-KAYE'S MULTIPOINT EXPANSION**

In order to complement its established catalogue of custodial and security products, lock designer and manufacturer Pickersgill-Kaye is now selling directly its own range of High Security Multipoint locks, bolts and secure access systems.

In addition to reinforcing its market presence, this new venture is a strategic expansion of the company's activities and demonstrates Pickersgill-Kaye's commitment to the future development and on-going support of this range, which was previously marketed through Adams Rite.

Available in both surface mounted and mortice versions, the High Security Multipoint portfolio includes emergency and panic exit devices, and specialised function locks with modular lock cases to suit either panic bar, paddle handle or lever operation. Manufactured entirely in Great Britain, all Pickersgill-Kaye's multi and single point locks are built to the highest technical standards and aesthetically designed to complement the modern workplace.

Peter Murphy, managing director of Pickersgill-Kaye, sees taking sales in-house as a natural progression. "We design and manufacture the locks so it makes common sense that we should also be selling them," he said. "This range was developed in partnership with Adams Rite but we now have the organisation and skills to manage the marketing and sales ourselves. This direct relationship has enormous benefits for us in quality control and market-led product development and also gives our customers a far better pricing structure."

The range of locks, bolts and fittings has been specifically developed to meet exacting standards of physical attack but maintain safe and easy exit, when needed, without compromising health and safety issues. The products are manufactured to the highest specifications and tested to BS EN standards for panic and emergency exit as well as undergoing independent blast testing, cycle testing in excess of 1 million cycles and being fire tested, to European BS EN standards, as part of a secure doorset.

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Suitable for both steel and wooden doors, the range incorporates several operational options to conform to current fire safety standards and DDA regulations and can be integrated with specialised access control requirements or configurations to meet most applications. The High Security Multipoint locks are constructed with hardened steel bolts and stainless steel lock cases and, as with all Pickersgill-Kaye products, are backed by outstanding technical expertise.

Pickersgill-Kaye has already advised existing customers of the move to direct sales and is certain that the quality of the range and the speed and reliability of the service it provides will match the commercial challenges of this competitive market. "All our products have a long standing reputation for performance, strength, security and durability," Mr Griffiths concluded. "The Multipoint Locking range is recognisably a part of this family. Single source manufacture and sales gives us the advantage of being able to respond faster than suppliers who outsource their products and we plan to capitalise on these strengths to grow our presence in this 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, supply & maintain high security 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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