



## Media Release

### **The Kaba Sustainability Charta - A Commitment to Sustainability**

Rümlang, 21 January 2005 – **Kaba has developed a Sustainability Charta to demonstrate the great importance that the Group attaches to sustainability. The 44-page document shows how criteria of sustainability already influence the Kaba Group's strategy, operations and relations with stakeholder groups. At the same time, management has undertaken to promote sustainability as the company evolves further.**

Kaba has based its sustainability commitment on the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact, which have meanwhile been adopted by more than 1700 companies worldwide ([www.unglobalcompact.org](http://www.unglobalcompact.org)). "As the global technology leader in the security industry, we have a special responsibility to our stakeholder groups, including customers, employees and shareholders. The Kaba Sustainability Charta is a clear expression of that responsibility," explains Ulrich Graf, President and CEO.

CFO Dr. Werner Stadelmann notes that Kaba already scores well in the international sustainability movement and refers to the «Total Access» strategy as a model. It offers customers unrestricted compatibility among all components and systems and thus optimally protects their investments. So far, no other provider has attained a similarly sustainable industry standard.

Nonetheless, Kaba feels it is necessary to heighten awareness of a policy that favors sustainability. The Kaba Sustainability Charta will provide a valuable contribution in that direction, besides delivering a strong message both inside and outside the company.

The Kaba Sustainability Charta is available in hard copy in English, and can be downloaded or ordered from the company's website:

Ordering: [www.kaba.com/e/links/formular1-frames-e.html](http://www.kaba.com/e/links/formular1-frames-e.html)

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