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## **UL and SASO sign agreement to promote national safety standards and enhance market access for Saudi Arabia**

**NORTHBROOK, Ill., December 12, 2007** -- Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization (SASO) announced today an agreement to promote the use of UL Standards for Safety in the ongoing development of national safety standards in Saudi Arabia via formalized consulting, communication and information exchange protocols.

The agreement was signed by both UL and SASO management during a ceremony held at UL's corporate headquarters located in Northbrook, Illinois. UL was pleased to host Nabil Molla, Director General of SASO, for the ceremony. This is the fifth such agreement announced by UL in support of its public safety mission and brand globalization initiatives. Earlier, UL announced a similar agreement with INTECO, the national standards body of Costa Rica in Central America, with IBNORCA, the national standards body of Bolivia in South America, with SII, the national standards body of Israel, and with TTBS, the national standards body of Trinidad and Tobago.

"Underwriters Laboratories is pleased to be working with SASO to advance our global public safety mission by deploying UL Standards for Safety nationwide in Saudi Arabia," said Bob Williams, UL Vice President, Global Standards. "As the national standards body in Saudi Arabia, SASO officials are demonstrating foresight in promulgating the world's most trusted and widely recognized set of safety standards across their markets and infrastructure. UL welcomes the opportunity to have a standards presence in this key country."

SASO is accredited as the national standards writing organization in Saudi Arabia, and has already begun the process of adopting UL standards for use within the country.

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