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PRESS RELEASE

Technical consulting on electronic security systems subject to the PSA

Following discussions in summer 2016 with the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecution, and to clarify the application of the *Private Security Act* (“PSA”) in the “Technical consulting” sub-category with regard to activities related to electronic security systems under Section 1(4) of the PSA, Bureau de la sécurité privée (“BSP”) made a request to Ministère de la Sécurité publique to confirm that this activity is subject to the PSA, in accordance with what legislators intended by adding a sub-category to this effect in Section 17(4)c) in 2011.

On February 22, 2017, BSP received the Ministry’s position on this matter, which confirmed that under the PSA as it is now drafted, technical consulting on electronic security systems is rightly subject to the PSA.

Anyone who offers technical consulting on electronic security systems must have the appropriate licence, whether or not they also install, repair, or maintain such systems.

BSP will therefore continue to enforce the PSA by making anyone who offers technical consulting on electronic security systems subject to it.

BSP considers sales accompanied by technical consulting to be door-to-door soliciting, which involves advising clients on security systems available to them, in consideration of their environments or needs, to maximize protection of their property. Anyone who provides this type of sales and consulting is subject to the PSA and must therefore have the required licence. However, we maintain that the sale of electronic security systems alone is not subject to the PSA.

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