# **Strategic Expansion in Body Armour: Mehler Protection Acquires SXP**

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Leading provider in the field of personal and platform protection, Mehler Protection, continues its growth strategy by acquiring a majority stake in the Italian firm Stilmotor Extra Protection Srl (SXP). With SXP, Mehler Protection welcomes a specialist in innovative body protection for police and security personnel, thereby strengthening its presence in the fast-growing riot gear market segment.

Following the acquisition, SXP will operate under the name Mehler Protection Italia and be integrated into Mehler Protection's Body Armour division.

The acquisition aims to expand manufacturing capacities, enhance expertise in riot gear, and open up new markets, particularly in strategically important NATO member countries such as Italy. These activities emphasise Mehler Protection’s long-term commitment to this dynamic sector and its focus on regions of significant security and geopolitical importance.

Dr. Mario Amschlinger, CEO of Mehler Systems, commented: “By acquiring SXP, we are sending an unequivocal message. Our ambition is to enhance the safety of law enforcement officers during riots, protests, and demonstrations by providing innovative, high-quality solutions. Investing in strategically important regions such as Italy is essential for us to achieve sustainable growth and advance our vision.”

The acquisition is grounded in a long-standing, trustworthy relationship with SXP, and it further strengthens Mehler Protection’s position as a global market leader in personal protective equipment for law enforcement, military, and special forces.

“With the acquisition by Mehler Systems, SXP – now Mehler Protection Italia – is able to access Europe’s leading network for body protection. This will allow us to offer a wider range of products, provide even better support to the Italian market, and further expand our activities in the riot gear sector,” said Alessio Ricciardi, Managing Director of Mehler Protection Italia.

***About Mehler Protection:***

*Mehler Protection is one of Europe’s and the world’s leading suppliers of high-quality ballistic protective equipment and systems for the police, security agencies, military and special forces. Our goal is to ensure safety and protection through innovative, customised and durable products for every operational scenario.*

*In addition to a wide range of specialised ballistic body protection equipment, our broad portfolio also includes impact, stab and slash protection solutions, ballistic helmets, shields, platform protection systems for ships, aircraft and land vehicles as well as protection solutions for critical infrastructure. For more information about Mehler Protection please visit: mehler-protection.com.*

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