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### **Belgian Privacy Commission Approves Johnson Controls' Binding Corporate Rules: First as Lead Authority**

(Brussels, Belgium – January 27, 2015) Johnson Controls received authorization for its binding corporate rules (BCR), marking the first approval where the Belgian Privacy Commission acted as a lead authority. The BCR will permit Johnson Controls to make internal international transfers of personal data in line with the EU Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC.

Johnson Controls submitted its application to the Belgian Privacy Commission on June 13, 2014. Following a constructive dialog, the Belgian Privacy Commission approved the BCR on September 16, 2014. The cooperation and mutual recognition procedures were closed on January 7, 2015 – in total the entire procedure lasted 207 days – 6 months and 24 days. The BCR covers 23 countries within the European Economic Area; facilitating the internal transfer of personal data as well as creating a company standard for the protection of personal data within 78 countries across the globe.

Lorenz assisted Johnson Controls with its BCR process and is pleased to announce the finalization of the procedures. Lorenz is currently assisting a wide variety of clients with international transfers of personal information as well as other data protection and privacy related issues.

The Belgian Privacy Commission's press release is available in [Dutch](#) and [French](#).

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### **About Johnson Controls**

Johnson Controls is a global diversified technology and industrial leader serving customers in more than 150 countries. Our 170,000 employees create quality products, services and solutions to optimize energy and operational efficiencies of buildings; lead-acid automotive batteries and advanced batteries for hybrid and electric vehicles; and interior systems for automobiles. Our commitment to sustainability dates back to our roots in 1885, with the invention of the first electric room thermostat. Through our growth strategies and by increasing market share we are committed to delivering value to shareholders and making our customers successful. In 2014, Corporate Responsibility Magazine recognized Johnson Controls as the #12 company in its annual "100 Best Corporate Citizens" list. For additional information, please visit <http://www.johnsoncontrols.com> or follow @johnsoncontrols on Twitter.