

Press release**SOCOTEC LAUNCHES INTEGRATED SOLUTION FOR END-TO-END MONITORING AND RISK CONTROL**

SOCOTEC, the UK'S leading provider of testing, inspection and compliance services, has launched a new integrated solution for end-to-end monitoring and risk control, for major infrastructure and commercial developments.

The initiative brings together capabilities in structural and ground surveys, monitoring, and data management from five different entities in the SOCOTEC Group, including the recently acquired ITM Monitoring, specialists in instrumentation for monitoring civil engineering structures, and DIMMS Group, the Italian leader in inspection, measurements and analysis.

Drawing on the extensive expertise within the Group, clients will have the benefit of a single specialist contractor to deliver analysis, design and execution of asset risk control throughout the asset lifecycle, from the planning and design stage through to decommissioning, mitigating the risk to people, property, budgets and timescales.

The offer, to be launched at the Transport Geotechnics and Basement Conference in London, is aimed at preventing and reducing risks that may occur on existing buildings during infrastructure projects such as Crossrail (UK), Copenhagen and Cairo metros, Grand Paris project (France). It will offer integrated manual and digital monitoring of structures and the ground, visualisation of the results and a seamless interface with a route-wide GIS for managing the assets across the study area. Multiple configurable warnings and alarms are an integral part of the solution with remote access to every constitute element. Visualisation and reporting of the monitoring systems will be via the in-house CALYX system. The damage risk assessments are produced through a rigorous process and are constantly cross referenced with the model predictions as movements arise. The categorisation can be revised during the course of the work and excavation or preventative measures amended accordingly.

Philip Ball, technical director, SOCOTEC UK, commented: "By combining the expertise of five SOCOTEC Group subsidiaries we can further support our clients by delivering comprehensive settlement and structural damage analysis, design and execution of asset risk control, through a single provider.

The synergies that we can deliver throughout the Group add to the strategic value SOCOTEC can bring to infrastructure clients and developers all over the UK, as well as on an International scale."

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About SOCOTEC in the UK

In the UK, SOCOTEC is the leading provider of testing, inspection and compliance services, offering comprehensive solutions for the Infrastructure & Waste and Environment & Safety sectors. The company, which employs more than 1,400 people, delivers in excess of seven million tests a year to over 5,000 customers.

With a history dating back over 100 years, SOCOTEC UK, formerly ESG, has nationwide coverage on client sites and a network of 20 UKAS accredited laboratories, and continues to be a significant driver of change and innovation within the industry. By helping clients design solutions and remain compliant to changing legislation, international standards and economic conditions, SOCOTEC has become the UK's leading partner in its chosen sectors for technical expertise and services.

See www.socotec.co.uk for more information.

About the SOCOTEC Group

The SOCOTEC Group, headed by Hervé Montjotin, has built its reputation over more than 60 years as a trusted partner assisting companies in the areas of quality, health and safety, and the environment.

SOCOTEC's mission is to ensure the integrity and performance of assets and people's safety. Through its inspection and measurement, assistance and consultancy, and training and certification services, SOCOTEC helps to optimise the performance of companies in every sector by managing the risks inherent in their activities. Drawing on its expertise and positioning itself as a long-term partner, SOCOTEC supports its clients throughout their project's lifecycle.

As France's No. 1 in construction inspection and a major player in TIC* for the construction and infrastructure sectors, the SOCOTEC Group generates consolidated revenue of €700million (33% outside France) with 200,000 clients. It has operations in 25 countries, 7,400 employees and over 250 forms of external recognition. In France, its network of 150 operations covers the entire country and includes 32 training centres.

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* TIC: Testing, Inspection, Certification

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