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SOCOTEC has acquired a share of the capital of ZPP Ingenieure, a specialist in project management and inspection in Germany, to form its third European platform. The target is revenue of €40 million in Germany for 2017.

The SOCOTEC Group, a major player in risk management and performance optimisation, is continuing its European expansion through the **acquisition of ZPP Ingenieure, a significant German player in project management and inspection in the transport and energy infrastructure sectors.**

ZPP Ingenieure has state-of-the-art expertise in rail lines, bridges and tunnels, thermal and nuclear power plants, and radioactive waste storage sites. It generated revenue of €13 million in 2016 and has 140 employees. Until the acquisition, ZPP Ingenieure was owned by its managers, Dieter Lehnen, Joachim Meyer, Ludger Speier and Ingo Spohr, who will continue to have responsibility for the company's business development within the SOCOTEC Group. ZPP Ingenieure and its two subsidiaries have eight sites in Bochum (HQ), Berlin, Cologne, Hamburg, Hoyerswerda, Munich, Salzgitter and Stuttgart.

Hervé Montjotin, CEO of SOCOTEC, said: "Following on from France and the UK, where we acquired ESG in March this year, Germany is now SOCOTEC's third European platform. The arrival of ZPP Ingenieure in the SOCOTEC Group strengthens our position in the German market, where we already operate via our subsidiaries Canzler and Pielok Marquardt, as well as our leading European position in TIC* in the Construction and Infrastructure sectors. This acquisition sees us aiming for 2017 revenue of around €40 million in Germany and takes us closer to our 2020 target of €800 million in total revenue."

* TIC: *Testing, Inspection, Certification*

About SOCOTEC

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

SOCOTEC is France's number-one construction inspection service provider and ranks among the country's leading equipment verification companies. 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.

With consolidated revenue of €650 million, operations in 25 countries, 200,000 clients, 6,800 employees, over 250 forms of external recognition (accreditations, qualifications, approvals and certifications) and a network of 200 operations in France including 35 training centres, the SOCOTEC Group is a major player in risk management.

See www.socotec.com for more.



About ZPP Ingenieure

Founded in 1973, ZPP Ingenieure and its subsidiaries ZPP International and LauPlan are recognised players in Germany in consultancy, engineering studies, checking, maintenance, technical inspection and project management for transport and energy infrastructure. The company employs over 140 people and generated revenue of €13 million in 2016.

It operates in four areas:

- *Infrastructure and networks*
- *Buildings and industrial facilities*
- *Mines and permanent waste storage sites*
- *IT services*

For more information, go to www.zpp.de

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