

**Press release**

## SOCOTEC TAKES STAKE IN PIONEERING STARTUP BIM IN MOTION

The SOCOTEC Group, a major player in TIC<sup>1</sup> and a trusted partner, has stepped up its Building Information Modelling (BIM) activities by taking a stake in French startup BIM in Motion.

Headed up by Stanislas Limouzi, who set up the startup in 2015, and Yanni Roua, **BIM in Motion is one of the first companies to offer BIM-mode support services** to construction industry project owners and players.

As a specialist in digitalisation of construction and real estate activities, BIM in Motion offers support and consultancy for project management **with a range of Capex-stage Employers Representative services and BIM Management services.**

With six employees in Lyon, Paris and Montpellier, BIM in Motion participates in **residential and service-sector construction projects** for 3F Group and Foncia IPM, and in **infrastructure projects** such as the Mont Blanc Tunnel with ATMB and the extension of Line B of the Lyon metro with Sytral. BIM in Motion is also **active in City Information Modelling (CIM)** through the BIM project for the EpaMarne business park, **and is coordinating the BIM TYPE Convention as part of a call for projects for PTNB**, the French government's plan for digital transition in buildings.

**Hervé Montjotin, SOCOTEC Group CEO**, said: "Acquiring this stake underlines our determination to be a leading player in developing BIM in France and our other European platforms. As our aims are to support the growth of BIM in Motion, strengthen our expertise and accelerate the rollout of SOCOTEC's BIM services, we will more than likely be increasing this stake over the next few years."

The transaction steps up SOCOTEC's own digital transition, started two years ago. After entering into partnerships with checker software providers Solibri Model Checker (Nemetschek Group) and BIMData.io (Move to BIM), the Group has geared up to respond to the challenges of Big Data, predictive analysis and data sharing. At the beginning of 2018, it launched **a full range of BIM services**: BIM Employers Representative (Capex stages), BIM Employers Representative (Opex stages) and BIM Certifications. The stake in BIM in Motion enables **SOCOTEC to take a position as an influential player in BIM in Europe, with a large-scale rollout planned in France at its 135 Construction & Real Estate branches.**

**Stanislas Limouzi, co-founder of BIM in Motion**, said: "We're delighted that SOCOTEC, a major player in TIC<sup>1</sup>, is helping grow our startup, both in terms of sales and our business development plan, thanks to its well-established roots in construction and infrastructure in Europe and its range of Opex-stage BIM Employers Representative services."

SOCOTEC's acquisition of a share in the capital of BIM in Motion is its **seventh such transaction since the beginning of 2018, following its first-half acquisitions** of AJA Registrars Group based in Asia, ITM and 4see in the UK, PSP in Germany, QSE in Morocco and DIMMS Group in Italy.

<sup>1</sup> TIC: Testing, Inspection, Certification - <sup>2</sup> ITM (UK), AJA Registrars (Asia), PSP (Germany), Axe QSE (Morocco) and DIMMS Group (Italy)

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*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<sup>1</sup> for the construction and infrastructure sectors, the SOCOTEC Group generates consolidated revenue of €700 million (33% outside France) with 200,000 clients. It has operations in 25 countries, 7, 000 employees and over 250 forms of external recognition. In France, its network of 150 locations covers the entire country and includes 32 training centres.*

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