

**Press release**

ACQUISITION OF DIMMS GROUP IN ITALY: A 4TH EUROPEAN PLATFORM FOR SOCOTEC

The SOCOTEC Group, a major player in TIC¹ and trusted partner to client companies, is intensifying its expansion in Europe with the acquisition of DIMMS Group, the Italian leader in inspection, measurements and analysis in the infrastructure and oil & gas sectors.

Headed by Massimo De Iasi, 47, who founded the company in 1992, **DIMMS Group specialises in site geophysical and geotechnical surveys and laboratory tests and analyses of soil, rock and construction materials.**

To fulfil its mission of risk prevention and safety for infrastructure and energy projects, it works on all types of transport networks (roads, railways, ports, tunnels, metro systems, etc.) and conducts soil studies in both onshore and offshore environments. Clients include Italian's main road, rail and oil & gas companies. DIMMS Group was previously majority owned by Xenon Private Equity.

Made up of six legal entities, **DIMMS Group covers the entire Italian peninsula from five locations:** two in the Milan area, including the Vimodrone headquarters, Avellino (near Naples), Ferrare (near Bologna) and Senigallia (near Ancona).

DIMMS Group counts 280 employees and 29 laboratories (4 static and 25 mobile), and generated **revenue of €18 million in 2017.**

Hervé Montjotin, CEO of the SOCOTEC Group, said: "Following the UK and Germany where we have made five acquisitions since March 2017, Italy will be our fourth European platform. This transaction bolsters our expertise in measurements and analyses, and extends the geographic coverage of our Infrastructure & Energy business line. It is fully in phase with our goal of being European leader in TIC¹ in the construction and infrastructure sectors by 2020. We are delighted to welcome on board such a talented, entrepreneurial team, which has been led with great success by Massimo De Iasi."

In total, the acquisitions² made by SOCOTEC since the beginning of the year represent cumulative full-year revenue of €30 million, and will have a positive impact on the Group's margins.

ABOUT SOCOTEC

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 TIC¹ for the construction and infrastructure sectors, the SOCOTEC Group generates consolidated revenue of €650 million (30% outside France) with 200,000 clients. It has operations in 26 countries, 6,800 employees and over 250 forms of external recognition. In France, its network of 150 locations covers the entire country and includes 32 training centres.

For more information, go to www.socotec.com

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

ABOUT DIMMS GROUP

Founded in 1992, DIMMS Group is the Italian leader in inspection, measurements and analyses for the infrastructure and energy sectors.

Made up of six subsidiaries, of which four are in Italy – DIMMS Control, Elletipi, Geomarine and LaboConsult – DIMMS Group employs 280 people and generated revenue of €18 million in 2017 in 3 areas of activity:

- *Geotechnical and geophysical surveys for onshore and offshore infrastructure projects*
- *Laboratory tests (soil, rock, construction materials, water, etc.)*
- *Environmental measurements and analyses*

The company has 29 laboratories (four static and 25 mobile), and covers the whole of Italy from five locations: two in the Milan area, including the Vimodrone headquarters, Avellino (near Naples), Ferrare (near Bologna) and Sinagallia (near Ancona).

Its clients include Italy's main road, rail and oil & gas companies, and it conducts over 3 million tests a year.

For more information, go to www.dimms.eu

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