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SOCOTEC STRENGTHENS ITS LEADING POSITION IN REAL ESTATE EXPERTISE IN THE NETHERLANDS

- **SOCOTEC Nederland, a recognized company in the field of risk management and technical expertise, has just acquired Vermeer Groep.**
- **This acquisition allows SOCOTEC to expand its service offering and strengthen its competitive position in the Netherlands.**

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SOCOTEC Nederland provides technical advisory, testing and inspection services and risks analysis on buildings and infrastructures.

With the acquisition of Vermeer Groep, SOCOTEC consolidates its Risk Management and Claims business line previously called Hanselman.

Vermeer is a recognized leader in the field of land surveying, pre-construction risks studies and works monitoring in the Netherlands.

SOCOTEC expands its service portfolio to offer a comprehensive set of expertise to construction companies, developers, architects, engineering companies and asset owners spanning from geotechnical advisory to risk monitoring in the construction phase, energy labelling of residential and social housing or drinking water quality management.

Through the merger with Vermeer Groep and its 3 companies Vermeer Maatvoering, Vermeer Expertise and Vermeer Landmeten, SOCOTEC will benefit from a better national coverage and a significantly increased capacity with more than 60 new experts, allowing to better serve its clients.

" Together, with Vermeer (group), SOCOTEC is strengthening its leading position in the Netherlands in the field of construction and infrastructure expertise services. The acquisition was an obvious decision given the cultural fit between our companies, the natural complementarity in services provided and the geographical footprint, Vermeer being more active in the South of the Netherlands and Socotec in the North. " says Arnaud de Pracomtal, CEO of SOCOTEC Netherlands.

Robert Hanselman, Director of SOCOTEC Risk Management adds : " Vermeer acquisition will double the size of our team at a time when the Netherlands' building market faces increasing needs for quality surveying and monitoring. "

Erik Goris, Director of Vermeer also comments: "Joining forces with SOCOTEC marks a very exciting new chapter for Vermeer. We share the same values of commitment, proximity and sense of service. We are delighted to bring our renowned expertise and benefit to SOCOTEC network and brand to accelerate our growth. "

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ABOUT SOCOTEC

Accompanying companies for 70 years, the SOCOTEC Group, chaired by Hervé Montjotin, has built its reputation as an independent trusted third party in the fields of risk management, compliance, safety, health and environment in the Building, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Industry sectors.

As a guarantor of the integrity, sustainability and performance of built assets, SOCOTEC is developing a range of services in testing, inspection and certification, from technical control, the group's historical expertise, to technical consulting and risk management services related to construction, infrastructure and industrial facilities. Its expertise enables it to support its private and public sector clients throughout the life cycle of their buildings and equipment in order to strengthen their sustainability.

No. 1 in construction inspection in France, No. 1 in geotechnical services and construction quality control in the United Kingdom and Italy, the group is a major player in TIC (Testing Inspection Certification) services in the Construction and Infrastructure sectors in Europe and the United States. The SOCOTEC group has consolidated revenues of 1.5 bn Euros and 55% of international revenues (45% of revenues come from France) with 250,000 clients. With a presence in 27 countries and 13,000 employees, it has more than 250 external accreditations, enabling it to act as a trusted third party in many projects.

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