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# SOCOTEC GROUP ACQUIRES 4 COMPANIES IN GERMANY DEVELOPING A LEADING POSITION IN THE BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECTORS (TESTING, INSPECTION & CERTIFICATION INDUSTRY)

- **SOCOTEC Germany has acquired 4 companies in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2023: Marx Ingenieure im Bauwesen (Inden), Architekten Höhlich & Schmotz (Burgdorf/Hanover, Mainz), Erdmann+Brandmann Beratende Ingenieure (Düsseldorf), Stredich Beratende Ingenieure (Bochum) adding new skillsets or reinforcing existing competencies to the operational pillars.**
- **End of 2022, SOCOTEC Germany has reached a €132M turnover and employs 1000 experts, based in 27 locations (25 in Germany and 2 in Austria).**
- **With 70% exposure to infrastructure, SOCOTEC fully benefits from the major tailwind in new infrastructure, especially driven by major investments in renewable energy, railway and metro projects.**
- **SOCOTEC Germany is a key solution provider of energy and green transitions related services in the built environment.**

SOCOTEC Group, a global leader in testing, inspection and certification (TIC) in the construction and infrastructure sectors, has been providing services in Germany for 15 years. The first acquisition was Canzler in 2008, a specialist in consulting, engineering and management of complex real estate projects, followed in 2017 by ZPP Ingenieure technical experts in Infrastructure and energy projects, and by Schollenberger Kampfmittelbergung in 2018, a leader in EOD\* services.

The takeover of 4 companies since the beginning of the year, after 5 acquisitions between 2020 and 2022, confirms SOCOTEC's strong strategic ambition to consolidate the German Engineering, Testing, Inspection and Certification market in construction and infrastructure.

For Hervé Montjotin, CEO of the SOCOTEC Group: "Germany is a key market for SOCOTEC as it offers high technical expertise. Adding-up new workforce and expanding our skillset in the country is part of our ambition to become a national leader. We help to solution the major challenges raised by the energy turnaround plan and the need to develop greener and more sustainable buildings and infrastructures."

SOCOTEC Germany gathers 1,000 experts and posted a €132M turnover in 2022 in the field of civil engineering, architecture, project management, technical inspections, building performance and EOD services. Its ambition is to keep the pace in growing and providing bundled solutions to its clients. The 4 acquisitions consolidate the geographical footprint and bring additional expertise:

- Marx Ingenieure im Bauwesen, based in Inden near Aachen joins the Infrastructure vertical. It delivers high quality engineering services in the infrastructure field (15 people),
- Architekten Höhlich & Schmotz (30 people), situated in Burgdorf near Hanover is an architecture firm and becomes part of the Building and Real Estate vertical, doubling its overall architectural capacities nationwide,
- Erdmann+Brandmann Beratende Ingenieure (10 people), the Düsseldorf-based company provides experience in structural design and testing and will strengthen the Infrastructure branch as well.
- Stredich Beratende Ingenieure (10 people), located in Bochum, is a leading specialist in consulting, planning and construction supervision of technical equipment dedicated to transportation infrastructures such as tunnels or bridges.

For Ludger Speier, CEO of SOCOTEC Germany: "Every outstanding success needs a clear vision. When we launched the SOCOTEC Germany country platform, we established a shared vision for our entrepreneurial development. Since then, our goal has been to promote the growth and reputation of SOCOTEC. A goal we have successfully achieved so far. We have strategically expanded and consolidated our service portfolio. We will continue on this course in the future. We build on the expertise and experience of our employees to jointly develop value-creating services. Together we are shaping the future, shaping change and creating sustainable success,"

\* Explosive Ordnance Detection

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*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 and in the UK, No. 1 in geotechnical services and construction quality control in the United Kingdom and Italy, N°1 in EOD services in Germany, 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 €1.2 billion in 2022 (53% of which generated outside France) with 200,000 clients. With a presence in 26 countries and 11,300 employees, it has more than 250 external accreditations, enabling it to act as a trusted third party in many projects.*

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