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Press release

ISL obtains ISO 9001:2015 certification for its quality management system for all activities

At an official ceremony held at ISL on Thursday, 14 October 2021, ISL received the certificate confirming that its quality management system conforms to the requirements of the standard ISO 9001: version 2015. The certification is valid for all ISL's activities at both sites, in Saint-Louis and in Baldersheim, and was granted by the independent certifying body SOCOTEC Certification International after an initial audit started in July 2021 for a period of three years.

The certificate was handed over to Christian de Villemagne, French Director and Bernd Fischer, acting German Director by Xavier Daniel, General Manager of SOCOTEC Certification International and Verena Longwitz, Head of Marketing and Communications of SOCOTEC Germany.

Receiving the ISO 9001:2015 certification is an important milestone for ISL. It ratifies the longterm practice of a quality culture well installed at ISL. In addition, it gives ISL further incentive to improve the quality of its processes on a continual basis. As an internationally recognised research institute, ISL anticipates on the future needs of its customers and partners.

ABOUT ISL

The French-German Research Institute of Saint-Louis (ISL) is a binational research institute, jointly operated by the French Agency of Defence Innovation (AID) and the German Ministry of Defence.

ISL's mission is to create cost-effective technologies for use by the armed forces in the toughest areas of military confrontation. These areas focus in particular on soldier protection (detection of adverse weapons, reduction of the effects of adverse weapons, protection of soldiers and vehicles from the residual effects of adverse weapons) and on the target delivery of destructive (in some cases disturbing) energy (with precision and at long distance).

Based on a multi-disciplinary approach, unique in Europe, ISL develops technologies in response to five scientific challenges and conducts front-line research from technical readiness levels (TRL) 1 to 6

Composed of 60% researchers and engineers and around 40 PhD students, ISL's scientific teams are equipped with state-of-the-art technology. They are active members of an extensive academic network. In direct contact with operational forces on the ground, they are recognised for their innovative experience upstream from industry and in co-development with it.

More information on www.isl.eu

ABOUT THE SOCOTEC GROUP

At the service of companies for almost 70 years, the SOCOTEC Group, chaired by Hervé Montjotin, has built its reputation as a trusted third party in the fields of risk management, compliance, safety, health and the environment in Construction, Infrastructure and Industry sectors.

As a guarantor of the integrity and performance of assets as well as the safety of people, SOCOTEC develops a range of services in Testing, Inspection and Certification (TIC) for companies in the public and private sectors for their buildings, equipment, infrastructure or constructions. SOCOTEC contributes to the optimization of their performance by controlling the risks inherent to their activity. Its expertise enables SOCOTEC to support its clients throughout the life cycle of their projects and assets, resulting in a long-term partner position.

 $N^{\circ}1$ in construction inspection in France, and a major player in Testing Inspection and Certification services in the Construction and Infrastructure sectors in Europe and the United States, the SOCOTEC group achieved a consolidated turnover of €900M in 2020 (47% of which was generated outside France) with 200,000 clients. With a presence in 23 countries and 9,000 employees, it has more than 250 external accreditations, enabling SOCOTEC to act as a trusted third party in many projects. In France, it has more than 150 locations throughout the country, including 32 training centers.

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