

## **SOCOTEC UK ACQUIRES TOR DRILLING**

**SOCOTEC UK, the leading provider of testing, inspection, and compliance services, has enhanced its portfolio with the acquisition of rotary drilling specialists, TOR Drilling.**

With a turnover of £140m and over 1700 employees, the UK is the second most important geographical platform in the SOCOTEC Group after France. TOR Drilling is the fifth acquisition made by SOCOTEC UK since 2017.

Based in Glastonbury, Somerset, TOR has been involved in geotechnical, environmental, and site investigation contracts since 1985 and is a specialist in in-situ bioremediation.

Nicolas Detchepare, CEO, SOCOTEC UK, says: “We are very pleased to welcome TOR Drilling. SOCOTEC UK has a long heritage of delivering high-quality services to help our clients to minimise ground-related uncertainty and risk, as well as maximising efficiencies. Capital spending on infrastructure in 2021-22 is set to total £120 billion, creating new opportunities for both construction projects and monitoring and maintenance of infrastructure. The acquisition of TOR Drilling allows us to enhance our site investigation portfolio adding capabilities such as sonic drilling, ground remediation, slope access platform and hollow stem drilling systems, further strengthening our technical expertise in the construction sector.”

Colin Reeves, TOR Drilling says: “This is an exciting new chapter in the story of TOR Drilling, one that will enable appropriate investment to support growth, develop our infrastructure and provide significant opportunities for staff development.

Nicolas Detchepare concludes: “This acquisition is completely in line with our group ambition to become the leading trusted third party in Testing Inspection and Certification in the construction and Infrastructure sectors and I look forward to the opportunities for growth that the addition of TOR Drilling will bring.”