

SOCOTEC ACQUIRES IMPULSE GEOPHYSICS LTD TO STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP IN THE TICC* MARKET

- **SOCOTEC UK strengthens its market leading position and offering within the asset monitoring area by adding video and ground-penetrating radar services to its portfolio.**
- **This 4th acquisition for SOCOTEC in the UK, follows recent acquisitions of Building Pathology specialists Hutton + Rostron (H+R) and of remote monitoring and advanced geospatial solutions experts IETG and 40SEVEN in 2023.**
- **SOCOTEC UK's growth trajectory is paving the way to become the number one trusted third party in the built environment sector.**

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SOCOTEC UK, the market leader in testing, inspection and certification (TIC) in the construction and infrastructure sectors, has acquired Impulse Geophysics Ltd, an industry leading provider of 4K Digital Video and Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) services based in Bedford.

Using cutting edge technology and AI, Impulse specialises in Asset Management and Condition Inspection in the Infrastructure industry, allowing clients to visualise and plan their networks/schemes effectively and safely. The company, which has strong experience and links with many key Infrastructure industries, will further strengthen SOCOTEC's range of services in the Infrastructure Asset Monitoring area.

Bob Milligan, Managing Director of Impulse, said: 'It is great to be joining SOCOTEC UK within the Infrastructure Division. Over the years, we have delivered many projects for SOCOTEC UK, and we look forward to continuing our innovation and growth by utilising the client and geographical reach and expertise that joining SOCOTEC UK brings.'

Richard Hildick-Smith, Managing Director of Infrastructure at SOCOTEC UK, continued: "We are really pleased to welcome Impulse to our division. It further strengthens our range of services in the Infrastructure Asset Monitoring area. Having Impulse's expertise in the niche area of video linked with GPR surveys significantly enhances our portfolio. It will seamlessly integrate with the existing business unit services and clients, bolstering our growth into a more data led offering to clients with the aim of supporting Asset Integrity throughout the lifecycle."

This acquisition reaffirms the leading position of SOCOTEC UK in the TICC* market, adding to the existing Infrastructure team of over 500 technical experts within the Monitoring, Materials Testing, Geotechnical Investigation and Foundation Testing specialisms. It follows the acquisitions of Building Pathology specialists Hutton + Rostron (H+R) and of remote monitoring and advanced geospatial solutions experts IETG and 40SEVEN in 2023.

Hervé Montjotin, CEO of the SOCOTEC group added: "Monitoring solutions are strategic to the infrastructure sector. As a leading trusted third party, ensuring safety, longevity and integrity of built assets are an essential part of our societal role. This acquisition in the UK is further strengthening our

infrastructure activities which at global level represent more than 30% of total Group revenues, reinforcing our leadership ambitions”.

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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 €1.2 billion in 2022 (50% of which generated outside France) with 200,000 clients. With a presence in 26 countries and 11,000 employees, it has more than 250 external accreditations, enabling it to act as a trusted third party in many projects.

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