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SOCOTEC UK & Ireland Strengthens Infrastructure Capabilities with Strategic Acquisition of LSTC Group

Leading provider of testing, inspection and certification services, SOCOTEC UK & Ireland - 2,300 people and £240m of revenue - has expanded its engineering and asset inspection services, through the acquisition of LSTC Group, based in Driffield, East Yorkshire.

Serving the UK's electrical transmission and distribution network sectors, LSTC has become the sixteenth acquisition made by SOCOTEC UK and Ireland since 2017, with the move enhancing SOCOTEC's existing infrastructure capabilities, while adding highly specialised expertise to the company's growing portfolio of critical infrastructure and energy sector services.

Since its inception in 1954, LSTC has established itself as a trusted provider of engineering, design and asset inspection services primarily for the UK's regulated energy infrastructure sector. The company serves transmission owners (TOs), distribution network operators (DNOs), independent connection providers (ICPs/IEPCs), and project developers across the energy infrastructure sector.

LSTC's service portfolio includes overhead line design and CAD services, survey capabilities, geotechnical assessments, earthing solutions, infrastructure projects, and comprehensive asset inspection services. Its revenue stream is well-diversified within the UK's RIIO-regulated energy infrastructure market, which reached £2.8bn for transmission and £4.4bn for distribution in 2024 and is expected to continue growing through to and beyond 2030.

The acquisition complements SOCOTEC's established infrastructure and energy sector portfolio, which already includes geotechnical engineering services, construction testing, monitoring and surveying. By incorporating LSTC's specialised expertise, SOCOTEC can increasingly offer services to the critical transmission & distribution sector.

SOCOTEC Group CEO, Hervé Montjotin, said of the acquisition: "With the acquisition of LSTC, SOCOTEC UK & Ireland reaches a new level of scale and capability in the power transmission and distribution sector. LSTC will play a central role within our UK platform, strengthening our position in a highly strategic market. This move is fully aligned with SOCOTEC Group's global strategy to accelerate its development in critical infrastructure, particularly in power grids, which are essential to the energy transition."

Matthew Marriott, CEO of SOCOTEC UK & Ireland, added: "The acquisition of LSTC represents a significant milestone in our growth strategy and commitment to enhancing infrastructure safety and reliability across the UK and Ireland.

"LSTC's expertise in serving the UK's regulated energy infrastructure sector, combined with their talented team, will significantly strengthen our engineering capabilities and expand our asset inspection offerings in this critical sector, particularly as the UK continues to majorly invest in its transmission and distribution networks."

Steve Fowler, Managing Director at LSTC said: "Joining forces with SOCOTEC UK & Ireland provides an exciting opportunity to expand our engineering, design, survey and inspection services while accessing wider resources, expertise and clients.

“Our team has built strong relationships with major transmission and distribution network operators, and as part of SOCOTEC, we look forward to building on that legacy while contributing to the company's comprehensive infrastructure and energy sector offering.”

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About the SOCOTEC Group

Accompanying companies for over 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 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 €1.85 billion (42% of which generated in France, and 58% coming from the international footprint), with 250,000 clients. With a presence in 26 countries and 15,000 employees, it has more than 250 external accreditations, enabling it to act as a trusted third party in many projects.

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About LSTC

LSTC is a leading infrastructure testing and asset inspection specialist serving the UK's regulated energy sector. The company provides comprehensive services including overhead line design, surveying, geotechnical assessment, earthing, infrastructure projects, and asset inspection to transmission owners, distribution network operators, independent connection providers, and project developers.

Operating within the UK's RIIO-regulated market framework, LSTC supports critical energy infrastructure across transmission and distribution networks, serving clients who collectively invest billions annually in maintaining and expanding the UK's energy infrastructure.