



Press release

## **DIMMS GROUP, A MAJOR PLAYER IN INFRASTRUCTURE INSPECTION AND TESTING, BECOMES SOCOTEC ITALIA**

DIMMS Group, the Italian leader in inspection, measurements and analysis in the infrastructure and oil & gas sectors, joined the SOCOTEC Group in June 2018 and is now operating under the SOCOTEC name and brand.

Headed by Massimo De Iasi, who founded the company in 1992, **DIMMS Group specialises in onshore and offshore geophysical and geotechnical surveys; laboratory tests and analyses of soil, rock, construction materials and water; and environmental measurements and analysis.**

To fulfil its mission of risk prevention and safety for infrastructure and energy projects, **it works on all types of transport networks** (roads, railways, ports, tunnels, metro systems, etc.) and conducts **ground investigations in both onshore and offshore environments.** Clients include Italy's main road, rail and oil & gas companies, for which the company carries out over 3 million tests a year.

**DIMMS Group and its subsidiaries became SOCOTEC's fourth European platform on 22 June 2018, and will become SOCOTEC Italia on 1 March 2019** following a merger transaction: **Elletipi, Labo Consult and Geomarine** are merging with **DIMMS Control**, which changed its corporate name to **SOCOTEC Italia** on 21 January 2019.

**The new company, SOCOTEC Italia, is headquartered in Milan-Lainate and is made up of three business lines** corresponding to the three existing activities:

- **Infrastructure**, which brings together the personnel of the former **DIMMS Control** and **Elletipi** companies
- **Environment**, which was formerly **Labo Consult**
- **Geomarine**, the former company **Geomarine**.

As a continuation of the simplification of SOCOTEC's legal structure in Italy, **the SOCOTEC brand will gradually be rolled out from 1 April at all five of SOCOTEC Italia's locations** (offices and laboratories): Milan, Avellino, Bologna, Ferrare and Ancona. The brand will also be applied to its **25 mobile laboratories, vehicle fleet** and communications media.

**Hervé Montjotin, the SOCOTEC Group CEO, said:** "We're delighted that our Italian platform, which provides cutting-edge services in infrastructure inspection and testing, is now playing a full part in raising the SOCOTEC brand profile in Europe. With the talented team headed by Massimo De Iasi and the 2018 performance of our businesses in France, the UK and Germany, we're on the right track to becoming the European leader in TIC<sup>1</sup> services for the construction and infrastructure sectors in 2020."

**SOCOTEC Italia employs 280 people** and generated **revenue of €21 million in 2018, of which 70% in the Infrastructure business line.**

<sup>1</sup> Testing, Inspection and Certification

## ABOUT THE SOCOTEC GROUP

*The SOCOTEC Group, headed by Hervé Montjotin, has built its reputation over 65 years as a trusted partner assisting companies in the areas of quality, health and safety, and the environment.*

**SOCOTEC's mission is to ensure the integrity and performance of assets and people's safety. Through its Testing, Inspection and Certification services, SOCOTEC helps to optimise the performance of companies in every sector by managing the risks inherent in their activities. Drawing on its expertise and positioning itself as a long-term partner, SOCOTEC supports its clients throughout their project's lifecycle.**

*As France's No. 1 in construction inspection and a major player in TIC (Testing, Inspection, Certification) for the construction and infrastructure sectors, the SOCOTEC Group generates consolidated revenue of €700 million (33% outside France) with 200,000 clients. It has operations in 25 countries, 7,800 employees and over 250 forms of external recognition. In France, its network of 150 locations covers the entire country and includes 32 training centres.*

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