

PRESS RELEASE



SOCOTEC MTS Ltd HAS BEEN GRANTED THE COFRAC ACCREDITATION IN BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING, IT BECOMES THE ONLY ISO17020 ACCREDITED ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY.

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For more than 20 years, the SOCOTEC Group has been assisting Mauritian construction companies in the control of their risks for projects related to buildings. In particular, SOCOTEC MTS carries out technical control, risk standardization and compliance missions in infrastructure and housing projects.

In 2018, the Group created SOCOTEC MTS Ltd to support the dynamic development of the territory. Indeed, as the Mauritian government has confirmed its intention to develop infrastructure, urban planning and housing projects, SOCOTEC MTS reinforces the safety and compliance obligations of builders related to ten-year insurance.

SOCOTEC MTS has the best expertise to support its customers throughout the life cycle of the building, and has therefore embarked on a voluntary ISO17020 accreditation process. SOCOTEC MTS has just been accredited by COFRAC in Building and Civil Engineering for technical inspections in design and construction phases, and becomes the only independent third party in Mauritius to have this accreditation. It is therefore an important partner for inspections related to the soundness of construction works and installations, as well as their safety and sustainability. SOCOTEC MTS meets the expectations of local authorities and Mauritian regulations. The Quality and Safety Department of the SOCOTEC Group has developed a reference system totally adapted to Mauritius context and has implemented a dedicated quality management system.

According to Christophe DRAUX, who heads SOCOTEC MTS: « To support the dynamism of projects in Mauritius, it is important to ensure that an independent third party assesses the risk and helps to bring it to an acceptable and compliant level, known as "normalized". The purpose of the "risk normalization" mission is to provide insurers with the information necessary to assess the risk assumed under the « Inherent Structural Defect Insurance », in order to reduce risks and avoid litigation in the field of construction defects. The risks that SOCOTEC MTS helps to prevent are those that can jeopardize the solidity, stability, watertightness and, more broadly, the durability of structures. Our approach is essential, because we act to ensure that structures comply with standards that are crucial to the performance of the building, its quality and, above all, the safety of infrastructure users and building and housing occupants. **Thanks to this new COFRAC accreditation and to the recognized expertise of its engineers registered with the CRPE, SOCOTEC MTS becomes the essential "Third Party Certifier" in Mauritius.** »

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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 environment in the 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 and constructions. SOCOTEC contributes to the optimisation 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°1 in construction inspection in France and a major player in TIC services in the Construction and Infrastructure sectors in Europe and the United States, the SOCOTEC group will achieve a consolidated turnover of €1bn in 2021 (50% of which was generated outside France) with 200,000 clients.

With a presence in 23 countries and 9,700 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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