

## PRESS RELEASE

### **SOCOTEC STRENGTHENS ITS INFRASTRUCTURE MONITORING CAPABILITIES**

SOCOTEC, the leading provider of testing, inspection and compliance services in the UK, has enhanced its monitoring capabilities with the acquisition of Survey Associates Ltd, specialists in high quality manual survey monitoring, correlation and topographical surveys.

Based in Uckfield, East Sussex, Survey Associates Ltd is actively involved in the monitoring of the London Underground, Network Rail and 3<sup>rd</sup> Party assets throughout London and the South East. This activity joins ITM Monitoring, who were purchased by the SOCOTEC Group in March 2018. Together they will become SOCOTEC Monitoring UK Ltd, thus creating a specialist monitoring division of SOCOTEC in the UK.

Ian Sparks, CEO of SOCOTEC UK explains: "The acquisition of Survey Associates Ltd further strengthens our position in the UK market by broadening the monitoring capabilities already offered by ITM Monitoring, and provides significant opportunities within the infrastructure sector. This is something ITM and SOCOTEC UK have already demonstrated through collaboration on a number of infrastructure projects. The creation of the monitoring division is fully aligned with the SOCOTEC Group's goal of becoming European leader in TIC\* in the construction and infrastructure sectors by 2020."

Jon Scott, managing director of SOCOTEC Monitoring UK said: "ITM Monitoring has worked with Survey Associates Ltd on a number of infrastructure projects over many years, where multiple technical disciplines across monitoring and infrastructure have been used to provide a comprehensive solution for clients."

Ian concludes: "By expanding our monitoring provision our clients now have the benefit of a single specialist contractor to deliver analysis, design and execution of asset risk control throughout the asset lifecycle, from the planning and design stage through to decommissioning, mitigating the risk to people, property, budgets and timescales."

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\*Testing, Inspection and Certification

### About SOCOTEC in the UK

In the UK, SOCOTEC is the leading provider of testing, inspection and compliance services, offering comprehensive solutions for the Infrastructure & Waste and Environment & Safety sectors. The company, which employs more than 1,500 people, delivers in excess of seven million tests a year to over 5,000 customers.

With a history dating back over 100 years, SOCOTEC UK, formerly ESG, has nationwide coverage on client sites and a network of 20 UKAS accredited laboratories, and continues to be a significant driver of change and innovation within the industry. By helping clients design solutions and remain compliant to changing legislation, international standards and economic conditions, SOCOTEC has become the UK's leading partner in its chosen sectors for technical expertise and services and is part of the SOCOTEC Group, a major player in TIC\* for the construction and infrastructure sectors.

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### About the SOCOTEC Group

The SOCOTEC Group, headed by Hervé Montjotin, has built its reputation over more than 60 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 inspection and measurement, assistance and consultancy, and training 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\* for the construction and infrastructure sectors, the SOCOTEC Group generates consolidated revenue of €700 million (40% outside France) with 200,000 clients. It has operations in 25 countries, 7,800 employees and over 250 forms of external recognition.

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