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### **Artelia strengthens its position as France's leading construction engineering firm**

Beginning April, the Artelia Group acquired the engineering department of Icade, comprising Arcoba, Gestec and Setrhi-Setae, thereby strengthening its Building Construction & Industrial Facilities sector and making it France's leading firm in its field.

This acquisition will in particular enable Artelia to build its business on public- and private-sector housing, healthcare and energy efficiency projects, as well as strengthen its presence in the Greater Paris, Rhône-Alpes and French Mediterranean regions.

Artelia is continuing to develop through organic and external growth and by reaching out to new market segments.

The Group thus completed six external growth operations in 2012, involving companies in Brazil, Great Britain and France with a total turnover of €23m and adding 200 people to its staff.

This latest acquisition proves once again the relevance of Artelia's strategy and business model.

#### **ARTELIA**

The Artelia Group, France's leading independent engineering firm, is owned entirely by its managers and employees, with a total staff of 3,000 and an annual turnover of €350m. It performs 70% of its business in France and 30% on international markets, covering the full range of construction fields: buildings, industrial facilities, water, environment, urban development and transportation.

#### **ARCOBA and GESTEC**

Arcoba was created in 1980 and has made its reputation as a multi-disciplinary engineering firm operating in the Greater Paris, Rhône-Alpes and French Mediterranean regions. Built up over the years by successively taking over Optime, Ingequip and Getci, Arcoba now has a staff of 150 and generates an annual turnover of €20m. Arcoba has highly specialised know-how in the fields of project management, technical studies and consultancy to project Owners.

Gestec is an Arcoba subsidiary specialising in operation and maintenance engineering.

#### **SETRHI-SETAE**

Setrhi was founded in 1975 and merged with Setae in 2003. The company thus formed, Setrhi-Setae, specialises in the design and construction of healthcare establishments (clinics, hospitals, nursing homes and follow-up care facilities), for which it provides the full range of services: planning, architecture, functional aspects and engineering. Setrhi-Setae has offices in Lyon and Paris and a staff of 50. The company generates an annual turnover of €10m.

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