

Artelia acquires SDZ ProcessRéa and positions itself as a French leader in intensive and automated logistics infrastructures

The Artelia Group, a major player in construction engineering in Europe, has announced the acquisition of SDZ ProcessRéa, a company specializing in the design and project management of intensive and automated logistics facilities.

Faced with the growth of e-commerce, fostered by the current pandemic situation, the need for industrial buildings dedicated to logistics is increasing rapidly, leading to the construction of new warehouses with growing challenges in terms of performance and safety.

SDZ ProcessRéa is the French leader in the engineering of robotic logistics systems with a staff of twenty multi-specialist engineers. It is the French branch of the German company SDZ GmbH, founded in 1986 by mathematics students with the pioneering objective of introducing flow simulation into the design of complex industrial facilities. The company's activity very quickly developed around the creation of production units, an eventually automated logistics distribution centres.

SDZ ProcessRéa is made up of a team of specialists in intralogistics (complex logistics within buildings) and provides its clients with consultancy services, studies, project management assistance and project management services aimed at optimizing the management of the reception, storage and dispatch of goods between their input and output from the facilities.

In recent years, SDZ ProcessRéa's teams have completed more than 600 logistics installations around the world, including the automated high-rise warehouse of Socamaïne, one of the main regional E. Leclerc central procurement entities. The site features a 5,000 m² storage tower reaching 45 meters in height. 10 anthropomorphic robots carry out the multi-reference and multi-format palletising with an output of 800 packages/hour each, under optronic control.

According to Yves Trinquet, who has been appointed Chairman of SDZ ProcessRéa and was previously Director of Artelia's industrial building activities: "The association of a leader in the building industry with an expert in intensive logistics and automated facilities will enable our Group to provide a comprehensive and highly technical service in a rapidly growing sector. Driven by the Covid-19 pandemic and the boom of e-commerce, the need for industrial buildings dedicated to logistics is increasing. The required changes in the logistics chain lead to the replacement of existing traditional storage units, and to the construction of very modern warehouses integrating process elements, SDZ ProcessRéa's core business."

For François Mondou, founder of SDZ ProcessRéa: "Joining the Artelia Group is an opportunity to combine our shared vision of project management and our expertise in the fields of production engineering and logistics, particularly in the design and construction of automated logistics distribution centres. As a matter of fact, the size, complexity and ever-increasing amount of investment in logistics units now require broader resources to meet strong market demand, but also to guarantee the robustness of the cutting-edge solutions proposed."

About Artelia:

Artelia is a multinational, multidisciplinary consultancy, engineering and project management group specialising in the construction, infrastructure and industry sectors. With 5,900 employees and a turnover of €681m* in 2019, Artelia is a leading player in the European engineering sector and is established in more than 40 countries throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia-Pacific and the Americas. Artelia is 100% owned by its managers and employees.

* Combined turnover of Artelia and MOE in 2019

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About SDZ ProcessRéa:

SDZ ProcessRéa is a leading French consulting and engineering firm in intralogistics. An international reference in the design and implementation of automated logistics infrastructures, SDZ ProcessRéa has a team of around twenty multi-specialist engineers in Neuilly-sur-Seine.

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