

## Artelia strengthens its presence in Europe with the acquisition of SOPSEC, a building engineering firm in Portugal

**The international Artelia Group, ranked among the top 10 European construction engineering firms, announces the acquisition of the Portuguese company SOPSEC, a recognized leader in the field of building engineering. With 11,400 employees in more than 40 countries, Artelia is consolidating its presence on the Iberian Peninsula, where it already operates, thereby strengthening its position across Europe.**

Founded 38 years ago in Portugal, SOPSEC offers comprehensive expertise in the design, management, and supervision of construction projects, as well as consulting services, particularly in the area of sustainability. The company is supported by a team of more than 150 employees based in Porto and Lisbon.

The company works with public and private clients on a wide variety of projects, primarily in the building and urban development sectors. It enjoys a strong position in the Portuguese market, supported by a dynamic project portfolio, a diversified client base—particularly in the private sector—and a qualified team composed mainly of engineers.

SOPSEC mainly develops construction projects in the commercial, industrial, residential, shopping center, and hospitality sectors. The company is also involved in heritage projects and educational facilities.

Since its founding, its teams have contributed to the success of flagship projects, particularly in Portugal (San Carlos National Opera House, Lisbon), Africa (Uno Stores, Algeria), and the Middle East (Headquarters of the Order of Engineers, Saudi Arabia).

This acquisition supports Artelia Group's strategy to expand its full range of business activities (mobility, water, energy, buildings and industry) wherever it operates. Already established in Spain and Portugal, Artelia is thus consolidating its presence in this region and optimizing its ability to meet local needs by leveraging synergies with its European presence, particularly in France, Denmark, the United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, and the Czech Republic.

By joining Artelia, SOPSEC will benefit from the growth momentum driven by the Group in the construction engineering market, as well as from an expanded project portfolio.

**Benoît Clocheret, CEO of Artelia,** declared: *"The acquisition of SOPSEC marks a new milestone in our business development strategy in Europe. By strengthening our presence in the Iberian region, we are positioning ourselves in a promising market driven by significant investments in construction and infrastructure. We are thus accelerating our local growth by building on a solid and well-established platform and strengthening our ability to support new clients on increasingly complex projects, in a context of energy transition."*

**José Amorim Faria, CEO of SOPSEC** prior to its integration into the Artelia Group, added: *"We are proud to join the Artelia Group, with which we share strong values and a common vision of engineering. This operation enables us to embark on a path of stronger growth on a European scale, while enhancing our technical and operational skills to support our clients on new projects. It will provide us with opportunities—particularly in infrastructure, industry, and real estate—for the successful expansion of our business."*

### **About Artelia**

*Artelia Group is an international multidisciplinary consulting, engineering and project management group specializing in the mobility, water, energy, building and industry sectors. With 11,400 employees, Artelia is a leading player in Europe, with turnover of € 1.35 billion in 2025 and a presence in over 40 countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia Pacific and the Americas. Artelia is 100% owned by its managers and employees.*

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### **About Sopsec**

*Founded in the 1980s and based in northern Portugal, SOPSEC is a construction engineering firm offering a range of services, including project design, management, and supervision, as well as consulting—particularly in the area of sustainability. With more than 150 employees, mainly based at its headquarters in Porto and its offices in Lisbon, the company serves public and private clients across a variety of sectors. It has developed long-standing relationships with key players in the Portuguese market, particularly in the private sector.*

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