

**Auxitec Ingénierie joins the Artelia group,
which confirms its place as a leading player in the industrial engineering sector
and reasserts its ambition to become one of the major engineering firms in Europe**

On 5 July 2017, Artelia and Auxitec Ingénierie announce their merger, marked by the acquisition by Artelia of 100% of Auxitec Ingénierie's equity.

Through this acquisition, Artelia, which is a leading independent French engineering company in the fields of building construction, infrastructure, water and the environment, concretises its ambition to become one of the major engineering firms in Europe by becoming a major player in the industrial engineering market.

For Auxitec Ingénierie, benefiting from the backing of an international group represents a genuine opportunity to develop its business in new sectors and markets, especially in the context of the restructuring of the French industrial engineering landscape.

Artelia broadens its offering by becoming a leader in the industrial engineering sector

Created in 1964 at the heart of the Seine valley, Auxitec Ingénierie provides complete design & construction supervision services and manages projects involving all trades, from initial design to final completion. Its 400 clients operate in all economic sectors such as the refining, petrochemical, chemical, mechanical, aviation, nuclear and pharmaceutical sectors. Its consolidated turnover was €80m in 2016.

Spread over 22 sites, its 900 employees provide top level expertise in three complementary business lines: industry, building construction & civil engineering, and digital services.

Thanks to this acquisition, Artelia will benefit from Auxitec Ingénierie's cutting edge expertise and client portfolio, allowing it to diversify its range of services and to structure its offering around the complementary sectors of building construction, infrastructure, water, the environment and industry.

On the occasion of the signature of this commitment, Benoît Clocheret, CEO of Artelia declares: *"Thanks to the acquisition of Auxitec Ingénierie, we will become a benchmark engineering company in Europe, with nearly 5000 employees and a turnover of €520 million. We are now the only French player to have such a balanced blend of skills in the fields of engineering for buildings, infrastructure, water, the environment and industrial facilities. Driven by common values such as independence, proximity to clients, technical excellence or emphasis on human assets, I am convinced that this operation will quickly create a new dynamic for the two companies, generating more value for our clients and exciting prospects for our teams."*

A strategic acquisition to seize new development opportunities

For Auxitec Ingénierie, benefiting from the backing of an international group represents a real opportunity to develop its business outside France, thanks to the constant presence of Artelia in more than 35 countries.

The financial solidity of the two groups and our complementarity know-how will also help Auxitec Ingénierie accelerate its position on larger scale turnkey projects and thereby meet its clients' expectations by providing integrated services with guaranteed quality, cost and lead time.

Concerning this alliance, Pierre Michel, the CEO of Auxitec, states: *“Being part of the Artelia Group is an ideal strategic business project that secures the future of our company. Joining Artelia means pursuing and diversifying our business lines, and sustaining our growth with new international development perspectives, in compliance with our core commitment to uphold independence and proximity values”.*

About Artelia:

Artelia is an international, multidisciplinary group specialising in consultancy, engineering and project management in the construction, infrastructure, water and environment sectors. It currently has a staff of 4,000 and generated turnover of €439 million in 2016, and thus ranks as one of France's foremost firms in the sector. The group has operations in more than 35 countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and South America. Artelia is more than 97% owned by its managers and employees.

About Auxitec Ingénierie:

Auxitec Ingénierie is a multidisciplinary engineering company that provides complete design & construction supervision services and manages projects involving all trades, from initial design to final completion in three complementary business lines: industry, building construction and civil engineering, and digital services. Spread over 22 sites in France, Belgium and Switzerland, its 900 employees generated a consolidated turnover of €80m in 2016.

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