



BY ACQUIRING SOFRÉAVIA, EGIS, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE CAISSE DES DÉPÔTS, BROADENS ITS SKILL BASE IN AIRPORT ENGINEERING AND AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (ATM)

Issy-les-Moulineaux – 20 November 2006 – Egis, engineering subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts, announced today that it has acquired the French airport engineering and air traffic management company, Sofréavia (Société Française d'Etudes et de Réalisations d'Equipements Aéronautiques). Sofréavia generated revenue of €24 million in 2005. With this acquisition, Groupe Egis, already a major player in the engineering industry and in publicprivate partnerships for transport infrastructure, has now become a global player in ATM and airports (engineering, concessions and operation).

Sofréavia: a key player in airports and ATM

An excellent strategic fit with Egis' surface transport businesses, Sofréavia, which employs 180 people, is active on European and international markets in all aspects of air traffic management and airport engineering, in particular:

- Air Traffic Management (ATM) and air transport consultancy and engineering: decisionmaking and planning tools, studies and R&D on air traffic control concepts and systems of the future, technical and operational studies, systems engineering assistance to airworthiness monitoring;
- Airports: airport and air traffic control engineering (studies and turnkey operations), airport operation;
- ATC systems and products: aircraft information systems, telecommunications, flight arrival and departure systems and simulators.

By joining a sound and growing Group, Sofréavia benefits from Egis' international sales network, its experience in dealing with International Financial Institutions and its successful track-record in the development of major infrastructure projects, particularly in the form of public-private partnerships.

Within Egis, Sofréavia is in a unique position to capitalize from synergies with recognized practises coming from other modes of transport.



Its previous shareholders were Société Conseil International (Thalès), the French State, banks (BNP Paribas, Société Générale, Natexis Banque Populaires, Calyon (Groupe Crédit Agricole), Air France, Aéroports de Paris and the French Development Agency (l'Agence française de développement (AFD)).

The emergence of a new player in airports and Air Traffic Management (ATM)

Nicolas Jachiet, CEO of Egis said "With the acquisition of Sofréavia, Groupe Egis is able to add a complementary range of skills to further its development in airport engineering."

With well established businesses in road, rail and urban transport, Egis will now become a leading company in all modes of transport.

With its brand Egis Aéroport, the Group is well established in airport engineering: airport layout plans, functional studies, runway systems, taxiways, aircraft parking areas, signalling. This expertise has already been purchased by airports in Toulouse, Basel-Mulhouse, Chambéry, Brive, in French overseas departments and territories and outside France in cooperation with BCEOM, Groupe Egis' most active subsidiary in emerging countries.

In addition, its Egis Projects subsidiary is one of the two major shareholders of the Hermes Airports concession, which has been awarded a contract for the design, construction and operation of new terminals in Larnaka and Pafos Airports in Cyprus. Egis Projects will also be systems integrator for the terminal facilities like baggage handling systems, passenger information systems and security screening systems.

With the acquisition of Sofréavia, Egis aims to extend its range of skills and its technical and commercial experience as well as diversify its engineering businesses by acquiring new skills in airport systems and Air Traffic Management (ATM).

"The purpose of this acquisition is to extend Egis' expertise beyond airports to embrace the full range of knowhow in air transport engineering." said Nicolas Jachiet. "Egis is now entering a new phase of its development with clear ambitions in ATM and airport engineering."