



Press Release

CONTROLS INVESTS IN THE U.K.

CONTROLS, one of the world leaders in manufacturing of testing equipment for the construction and civil engineering industry, is delighted to announce the acquisition of WYKEHAM FARRANCE, the U.K. producer of geotechnical and soil mechanics equipment.

Mr. Pasquale Di Iorio, C.E.O. of Controls Group, commented that with an expected investment of approx. €uro 500.000 Controls has now incorporated into its group one of the most prestigious and famous brands in this field. Controls, which is already the largest company in its sector is now also the manufacturer of the most complete range in all fields of testing equipment for civil engineering, including both traditional and advanced testing systems.

Wykeham Farrance, which during the last few years had been suffering from some financial problems, will now benefit from the financial, technological and industrial support that a company with the strength of Controls has to offer. This will give a further boost to the R&D activities of its advanced and exclusive systems for geotechnical applications, which they develop in close co-operation with the most prestigious Universities in the United Kingdom and around the world.

Wykeham Farrance will continue to be fully autonomous in its operations and commercial activities, but will also benefit from possible synergies with Controls distribution network which will be able to support the actions of Wykeham Farrance by promoting the quality products that have made WF a very famous brand world wide for more than 60 years.

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