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Egis expands its capabilities in the Middle East with the acquisition of the Waagner Biro Bridge Services group of companies

The acquisition includes Waagner Biro Bridge Gulf and Waagner Biro Bridge Fabrication in Dubai, Waagner Biro Bridge Contracting and General Maintenance in Abu Dhabi and Waagner Biro Bridge Qatar. This acquisition will on one hand, broaden Egis' engineering services to include the design, engineering and construction of steel bridges and structures, marine and coastal engineering projects and the maintenance & operation of wastewater treatment facilities and pumping stations. On the other hand, Egis and Waagner Biro Bridge Services sharing the capacity to provide comprehensive facility management services through a distinct range of corrective, preventative and annual maintenance services for bridges, road infrastructure, and public utilities. In addition to that, this acquisition will provide development support for project structuring in the region.

"This acquisition contributes significantly to Egis' strategic objective of expanding its operations and maintenance expertise globally. It will give us, for this field, a solid foothold in one of the most dynamic regions, including countries with highest quality standards and a strong appetite for innovation. This acquisition also reflects Egis' commitment to support its clients in the Middle East with a broader range of engineering, operations and maintenance services", commented **Renaud Beziade**, Global Executive Director PPP, Operations and Smart Mobility at Egis.

Alaa Abusiam, Egis Group CEO in the Middle East said "Waagner Biro Bridge Services' differentiated skillset and deep experience in the Middle East add depth to Egis's existing capabilities. Combined, we will draw on our team's vast knowledge to provide maintenance and infrastructure engineering solutions for our clients that serve the need of the local communities. We look forward to welcoming all our new colleagues to Egis".

Ferdinand Brand CEO of Waagner Biro Bridge Services, adds: "At Waagner Biro Bridge Services we share with Egis the genuine commitment of partnering with our clients and delivering consistently world-class services and cutting-edge projects. Together we will develop even more creative and comprehensive solutions that will set new standards of excellence in a multitude of sectors. We are very excited about joining Egis and the future opportunities that it will offer to all of us and our clients."

Waagner Biro Bridge Services has been operating in the GCC for more than 50 years providing governments and private companies with innovative engineering, operation and maintenance services. Projects they are involved in include the operation and maintenance of the Floating and Maktoum Bridge in Dubai, the routine maintenance of road structures in Dubai, coastal protection works in Dubai, the construction of Yas Marina Hotel Access bridge in Abu Dhabi, the operation and maintenance of several wastewater treatment plants and pumping stations in Qatar. One of the first and most iconic projects that Waagner Biro Bridge Services was involved in back in 1967, is the construction of the iconic Al Maqta Bridge in Abu Dhabi.

Egis, the major international group in the consulting, engineering and operations services, has previously acquired four companies with presence in the Middle East. These include 'Inhabit', an engineering and consulting firm specializing in design services, '10 design', an architecture firm, 'Projacs', a consulting firm specializing in project management and construction supervision for buildings and most recently announced the agreement to acquire 'WME', a multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy. This new acquisition completes Egis' portfolio in the region by adding infrastructure maintenance and operations. It also brings support to Egis' expertise in project structuring (PPP).

Advisors

PwC Middle East acted as financial advisor, and **Clyde & Co** acted as legal advisor, to Egis.

deNovo Corporate Advisors acted as financial advisor, and **DLA Piper** acted as legal advisor, to the shareholders of Waagner Biro Bridge Services.

About Egis

IMAGINE. CREATE. ACHIEVE.

a sustainable future

Egis is an international player active in the consulting, construction engineering and mobility service sectors. We create and operate intelligent infrastructure and buildings capable of responding to the climate emergency and helping to achieve more balanced, sustainable and resilient territorial development. With operations in 120 countries, Egis places the expertise of its 16,200 employees at the disposal of its clients and develops cutting-edge innovation accessible to all projects. Through its wide-ranging fields of activity, Egis is a central player in the collective organisation of society and the living environment of citizens all over the world.

Egis currently operates in 13 countries across the Middle East completing over 500 projects in 15 countries in the region and recruiting over 1,250 employees. Egis is a major player in infrastructure engineering, consultancy, project management and operations in the Middle East and has contributed to some of the region's biggest airport, rail, water, urban mobility and urban development schemes. Egis partners with governments, cities, industrial bodies, communities and private businesses to support this dynamic region's accelerated

development and growth with an ambition to encourage and practice sustainable development truly supporting the needs of the communities.

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