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The Apave Group announces the strengthening of its stake in Certifer, world leader in the assessment and certification of rail and guided transport

Apave, an international group with over 150 years of experience, specialised in the management of technical, environmental, human and digital risks, today announced that it has increased its stake in Certifer to 70%.

Founded in 1997 in Valenciennes, Certifer has become in just a few decades, after more than 10 international acquisitions and strong organic growth, a world leader in conformity assessment and certification of railway and urban transport equipment and systems.

With a presence in nearly 60 countries, 800 employees and experts and more than 30 accreditations, Certifer has an undisputed reputation in the guided land transport sector, with a wide range of Testing, Inspection and Certification (TIC) services, complemented by training and consultancy activities. Certifer's teams have completed more than 10,000 projects on 5 continents, and have nearly 1,000 other projects underway. Certifer has been involved in a number of emblematic projects, including all the French high-speed railway lines since 2002, HS2 in the UK, the high-speed rail line (LGV) in Morocco, Rail Baltica, the metro for the Universal Expo 2020 in Dubai, the tramway for the Rio Olympic Games and the NEOM project.

By becoming a majority shareholder in Certifer, Apave is confirming its ambition to strengthen its position as a world leader in the transport sector

With its subsidiaries Osac and Apave Aéroservices, leaders in aeronautical risk management, who confirmed the strength of their expertise in recent years, the Apave Group is stepping up its growth strategy in the transport sector with this acquisition of a majority stake in Certifer.

"I am delighted to see the industrial partnership between Apave and Certifer being strengthened. This is a new step for Certifer, which will benefit even more strongly from the support of the entire Apave Group, enabling it to accelerate its growth trajectory.

In this way, the Apave Group, a leader in risk management, confirms its ambition to enable the development of safer and more sustainable transport throughout the world, by mobilising expertise and skills whose technicality and quality are unanimously recognised by professionals in the sector," says Philippe Maillard, Chief Executive Officer of the Apave Group.

About the Apave Group

Apave is an international group with more than 150 years of experience in technical, human, environmental and digital risk management. An independent company with a turnover of €1 billion in 2022, Apave currently has 13,500 employees, 130 branches in France, 170 training sites in France and abroad, and 18 testing centers. Apave has an international presence in over 50 countries. Nearly 500,000 customers already place their trust in Apave in France and abroad. For more information, visit www.apave.com

About Certifer

CERTIFER is a global player specialising in rail systems, urban transport (metros, tramways, high-speed lines) and mobility (autonomous vehicles, urban travel plans, lifting equipment, etc.). Founded in 1997, CERTIFER has developed its expertise by offering testing, inspection, certification, training and consultancy services in nearly 60 countries worldwide. For more information, visit www.certifer.eu

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