

SONOVISION-ITEP strengthens its position in North America

Following the successful creation of its Canadian subsidiary in Montreal in December 2000, SONOVISION-ITEP has just completed the acquisition of APPENDIX TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS GROUP.

APPENDIX was founded in 1989. This Canadian company specializes in the management and production of technical publications intended in particular for the aerospace and military industries. With a workforce of 90, APPENDIX should achieve CAD 7 million in total sales for the current financial year (ending 30 June, 2004).

The acquisition is fully in line with SONOVISION-ITEP's development strategy and confirms the company's commitment to strengthening its position on the North American market in the field of technical and logistic information processing for the aeronautics and space sectors, and more generally for Industry as a whole.

In particular, this development allows SONOVISION-ITEP to:

- reinforce its presence in 4 major Canadian cities (Edmonton, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto) with APPENDIX;
- consolidate APPENDIX's know-how with SONOVISION-ITEP's experience in the sphere of logistic engineering and its extensive knowledge of XML technologies for the integration and development of logistic information systems;
- offer its customers in North America a complete range of services, from Logistic Support engineering through to distribution to the users of the supporting technical documentation:
 - integrated Logistic Support (ILS) ; MSG/ILS engineering work;
 - development of logistic information systems based on XML technologies and the Internet;
 - multilingual translation;
 - design / drafting / distribution of operation, maintenance and supply documentation.

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About SONOVISION-ITEP

SONOVISION-ITEP, is a leading documentary and logistic engineering company that offers manufacturers and operators a full range of services throughout the life cycle of their systems, including: operation and supply documentation (from design to distribution), translation, interactive documentation (CD ROM, WEB, EAO), systems integration (SGML, XML, GED, Open Suite products), consultancy, technical assistance, RAMS and logistic engineering, mechanical design work.

SONOVISION-ITEP's expertise and know-how are based on 50 years' successful experience in the field of documentary engineering for the aeronautics, defense, space, energy, ship building, transportation and telecommunications industries.

In 2003, the SONOVISION-ITEP Group, including its subsidiaries in Canada and Germany, achieved Euro 65 millions in total sales, with a workforce of 870.