



ETDE ACQUIRES ICEL GROUP AND STRENGTHENS ITS POSITIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

ETDE, the electrical contracting and maintenance subsidiary of Bouygues Construction, recently acquired the Icel Group in the United Kingdom. Based in Kent, the Icel Group consists of two entities:

- **Icel Maidstone Ltd specializes in the design, installation, commissioning and maintenance of mechanical, electrical and instrument systems, with extensive expertise in clean rooms;**
- **Icel Power Systems is devoted to design, installation, servicing and maintenance of generators and UPS systems.**

In 2005, Icel Group generated sales of €13 million, and had 120 employees.

This acquisition strengthens the skills of Ecovert FM, a subsidiary of ETDE that specializes in Facilities Management, especially in the maintenance and operation of complex systems. This acquisition also enables Ecovert FM to win new customers, both in the private sector — pharmaceutical and chemical sectors (GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer, Aventis, etc.) — and with public and semi-public-sector institutions (hospitals, prisons, etc.). Lastly, the acquisition of Icel enables Ecovert FM to broaden its regional coverage to southeastern England, a very active region in terms of economic development.

Ecovert FM is a leading Facilities Management provider in the United Kingdom. It works with Bouygues UK, a subsidiary of Bouygues Construction, under Private Finance Initiatives to offer comprehensive solutions for design, construction, and hard and soft FM services, especially in the hospital (Barnet, West Middlesex, Central Middlesex, etc.), education (King's College in London, Lewisham and Barking schools, etc.) and service (British Home Office, Cabinet Office, etc.) sectors.