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SGS Coordinates Massive Senegal Road Project

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Beginning in January 2010 and envisaged for completion in March 2012, the rehabilitation of the Saint Louis Rosso/Richard toll road is one of the biggest road projects to be undertaken in Senegal for some time. The project goal is to improve the road network, with great emphasis lying on further regional integration of the trade routes of the North and West African Road Ring.

The St Louis Rosso/Richard Toll road provides access to airports and areas of urban expansion as well as rural development. The importance of this project is paramount for West Africa, where the coating of the urban and suburban routes will drastically improve access to St Louis airport and the University of St Louis. The project encompasses 120km

of bitumen roads, 65km of tracks and 16km of urban works. Its importance is not to be underestimated and hence the project is funded by the European Union (FED).

As projects of such dimension require professional assistance and expertise by an independent third party, **AGEROUTE**, the company responsible for the implementation of construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of road networks in Senegal under the authority of the government body D.D.I. (Direction de la Dette et de l' Investissement), has awarded SGS Industrial Services the contract to provide Project Management Services.

SGS Industrial Services, a global service provider for technical verification, inspection, testing and conformity assessment, is very pleased to be playing such a major role in this project, with the emphasis on service delivery with respect to the **overall management of construction**, the approval of relevant documentation, the monitoring of schedules and overall performance and, of course, the monitoring of hygiene and health and safety. In addition, SGS will be providing auditing and quality control of materials as well as administrative and financial monitoring of the project.

The opportunities provided by this project are vast because Africa's infrastructure, energy and water needs, as well as the potential for mining and industrial works, ensures that the market for quality control and supervision could be worth as much as \$1-\$2 billion, particularly when it is considered that public estimates for development works have reached \$40 billion. Development funds are now being made available from high quality groups in Europe, the US and the Middle East.

The **SGS Industrial Services** is uniquely positioned to offer the services required for overseeing development works as its global footprint is huge and its ability to gather high calibre experts is second to none. AGEROUTE has chosen SGS because of its organizational ability, its hold on the logistics required, and its readiness for work from day one. SGS, by providing quality control and supervision services for complex projects, encompassing technical, operational and financial dimensions, brings multi-faceted high-level expertise to the development works, and helps to create trust between the various stakeholders, including the project owner, project manager, financiers and, when the project is complete, users and citizens.

To that end, SGS has decided to open a competency center in Dakar, where the new business development manager, Alain Miquel, will spearhead the growth of SGS in Western Africa and support the Geneva-based Project Management Services team in managing the tender process and in ensuring Project Coordination.

SGS is also keen to emphasize that it will be taking its environmental responsibilities very seriously, and will be monitoring the effects on the environment of all road construction works. The enforcement of measures taken to contain project-related negative impact will be undertaken with the utmost commitment. All in all, SGS is very pleased to be on board.

About SGS Industrial Services

SGS Industrial Services, as one of the largest business lines within the SGS Group, helps clients from the **Construction Industry** to reduce risks, prevent construction errors, control budgets and effectively keep the construction project within time deadlines.

SGS Industrial Services provides a fully comprehensive program of services for the construction industry, including but not limited to Construction Materials Testing, Building Inspection and Certification, Coating Inspection and Failure Analysis, Construction Supervision, Non-Destructive Testing and Design Verification. Moreover, SGS offers **Health, Safety and Environment Management**, Risk Management as well as Project Management and Supply Chain Services.

SGS effectively instills confidence in clients by ensuring that their installations, materials, equipment, facilities and projects meet all quality and performance requirements.

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