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## Sonomatic acquires Archipax's tube inspection division

A market leader in the provision of advanced automated ultrasonic inspection services, Sonomatic, has recently announced that it has signed an agreement to acquire the tube inspection division of Archipax. Sonomatic, a market leader in the application of NDT and non-intrusive inspection methodology in the oil and gas industry, expects the acquisition to broaden its range of capabilities and services.

### Inspection personnel, probe and equipment development

Former owner of Archipax, Ian van Bosch, is fronting what is to be named the Sonomatic Tube Division. Ian van Bosch joined Sonomatic in 2014 as a Head Consultant for tube inspections. In early 2015, Sonomatic acquired the entirety of Archipax's tube division competences, including inspection, research and development, and workshop capabilities. This new asset will allow Sonomatic to offer inspection personnel, probe and equipment development for boiler tubes, heat exchangers and chillers, and fin fan coolers.

### The acquisition brings a total of over 100 years experience

This acquisition has allowed Mr van Bosch, alongside all six former employees of the tube inspection division of Archipax to join Sonomatic this year. They bring a combined total of more than 100 years experience in the tube inspection field to Sonomatic's recently formed division. Ian van Bosch brings 13 years of experience in tube inspections, data analysis, site management and research and development of NDT techniques and general planning.

The Sonomatic Tube Division team has experience in various tube inspection techniques, including Internal Rotating Inspection System, Eddy Current for tube inspection, Remote Field Eddy Current and Magnetic Bias Eddy Current. The division now has a new pipe scanning technique, SEF Bias Eddy Current inspection, adding to the company's growing options for rapid screening of pipelines.

### Providing clients with the broadest range of NDT solutions

Zach McCann, Australian Regional Manager at Sonomatic stated: "Sonomatic's leadership in ultrasonic inspection services, now combined with the knowledge and experience in the tube inspection field, provides our clients with the broadest range of NDT solutions in the industry. The acquisition expands Sonomatic's range of services significantly, and builds on our strength as a leading company. We look forward to offering our clients the most innovative solutions for their needs, and welcoming the tube inspection division team from Archipax."

"We believe that through the merger, the tube inspection division can offer significant benefits to Sonomatic's current range of services, broadening the company's overall scope of work," said Ian van Bosch, Former Owner of Archipax.

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