

## Sodexo strengthens Facilities Management technical expertise

- Appoints Ian Mills to lead Worldwide Technical Expertise Platform

**Paris, February 1, 2012** – Sodexo, world leader in Quality of Life Services, reinforces its technical expertise and capabilities in facilities management services, launching a worldwide technical expertise platform to drive the development of technical Facilities Management throughout the Group. Today facilities management services account for more than 25% of Sodexo's revenues and are growing three times faster than foodservices.

To manage this key initiative, Sodexo has appointed **Ian Mills** (*see biography below*) as Group Vice President, Worldwide Technical Expertise Platform, reporting to **Damien Verdier**, Sodexo Executive Committee member and Chief Marketing Officer for Client Retention, Offer Marketing, Supply Chain and Sustainable Development. The newly created platform will:

- Define, implement and deploy shared processes, tools and standards for the management of infrastructure and equipment in all countries
- Implement the IT infrastructure and tools required to expand the Group's technical expertise
- Manage intelligence, research and development work that will enable Sodexo to fine-tune and further expand its expertise in technical fields

In recent years Sodexo has accelerated the development of regional and country multi-technical platforms in locations including Asia, Latin America, France, the US, the UK, Germany, China, India, Singapore and Brazil. The worldwide platform will centralize and take this considerable expertise to a higher level, facilitating sharing best practices.

In addition, the recent acquisitions of Roth Bros. in the US and Atkins in the UK have reinforced Sodexo's ability to provide best-in-class technical facilities management and infrastructure services.

*"Sodexo continues its expansion in multi-technical services, to enable us to better respond to our clients' increasingly global needs in this field. The Group offers Infrastructure and Equipment services in 45 countries world-wide with over 13,000 employees and 160 technical subject matter experts delivering comprehensive solutions to our clients. The development of a robust central platform is a key step to promote technical expertise and best practices across the organisation. I am pleased that Ian Mills, who brings over 30 years' industry experience to the Group, has joined Sodexo to head up this strategic initiative",* said Damien Verdier, Sodexo Executive Committee member and Chief Marketing Officer for Client Retention, Offer Marketing, Supply Chain and Sustainable Development.

## Biography of Ian Mills

Ian Mills is Group Vice President, Worldwide Technical Expertise Platform. Before joining Sodexo, Ian worked at National Air Traffic Services (NATS), the body in charge of air traffic control in the UK, where he was Chief Operating Officer since 2009. Ian Mills held various positions at NATS, including Engineering and Commercial Services Director and Programs Director. Previously, Ian spent eight years in the rail transport sector at Alstom, where he held important responsibilities in the UK and internationally (Europe, Latin America and the United States). Ian began his career as a technician and electrical engineer. He brings over 30 years' expertise in the management of complex global projects. Based in Issy-les-Moulineaux, Ian reports to Damien Verdier, Sodexo Executive Committee member and Chief Marketing Officer for Client Retention, Offer Marketing, Supply Chain and Sustainable Development.

## About Sodexo

### Sodexo, world leader in Quality of Life Services

Quality of Life plays an important role in the progress of individuals and the performance of organizations. Based on this conviction, Sodexo acts as a partner for companies and institutions that place a premium on performance and employee well-being, as it has since Pierre Bellon founded the company in 1966. Sharing the same passion for service, Sodexo's 413,000 employees in 80 countries design, manage and deliver an unrivaled array of Quality of Life Services. Sodexo has created a new form of service business that contributes to the fulfillment of its employees and the economic, social and environmental development of the communities, regions and countries in which it operates.

### Key figures (as of August 31, 2011)

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**16 billion** euro consolidated revenue

**413,000** employees (*including acquisitions made between August 31 and December 31, 2011*)

**22<sup>nd</sup>** largest employer worldwide (*ranking as of August 31, 2011*)

**80** countries

**33,400** sites

**50 million** consumers served daily

**8.9 billion** euro market capitalization (*as of January 31, 2012*)

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