

## Press release

# Quarterly information at September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Continued solid performance, full-year outlook confirmed

Cergy, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### 9m 2018 highlights

- Solid year-to-date performance:
  - Revenue growth: +11.0% (+11.5% at constant currency)
  - Organic growth: +2.4%
  - Bolt-on acquisitions: 4 companies acquired to date, totalling €91 million full-year revenue
  - Group EBITA margin: 5.3%, slightly up compared to 9m 2017 pro forma (5.2%)

#### • Full-year outlook confirmed:

- Total revenue growth in excess of 7.0% at constant currency
- EBITA margin at 6.0% or more
- c. 100% cash conversion
- Year-end leverage ratio<sup>1</sup> at 3.1x

In millions of euros	9m 2018	9m 2017 Pro forma <sup>2</sup>	18/17PF Change	9m 2017 Restated <sup>3</sup>	18/17R Change
Revenue	4,771.0	4,666.6	+2.2%	4,298.7	+11.0%
EBITA	251.1	240.8	+4.3%	246.0	+2.1%
EBITA margin	5.3%	5.2%		5.7%	

<sup>3</sup> Restated in accordance with IFRS 5, consistently with FY17 published figures

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Commenting on the results, Gauthier Louette, Chairman & CEO, declared: 'SPIE's solid performance for the first nine months of 2018 was in line with our expectations and we confirm our full-year targets in terms of revenue growth, EBITA margin and deleveraging. In both France and Germany, we benefitted from a good strategic positioning and strong demand for our services, and the outlook for the final part of the year remains solid. Our streamlined UK business is proving resilient and we are starting to see growth in Oil & Gas Services. I am extremely confident in the quality of our positioning, on a market which benefits from strong long-term drivers.'

#### 9m 2018 revenue

Group revenue was €4,771.0 million in the first nine months of 2018, up +11.0% year-on-year, including a +2.4% organic growth. In the third quarter of 2018, Group revenue grew +3.8%, including a +0.5% organic growth.

In millions of euros	9m 2018	9m 2017 Restated <sup>1</sup>	Change	o/w external growth	o/w disposal <sup>2</sup>	o/w organic growth	o/w foreign exchange
France	1,785.0	1,697.3	+5.2%	+4.2%	-	+0.9%	-
Germany & CE	1,557.2	1,288.4	+20.9%	+16.9%	-	+4.5%	-0.5%
o/w Germany	1,301.9	1,058.9	+22.9%	+19.0%	-	+4.0%	-
North-Western Europe	1,092.5	959.0	+13.9%	+11.8%	-0.9%	+3.5%	-0.6%
Oil & Gas and Nuclear	336.3	354.0	-5.0%	+0.3%	-	-2.6%	-2.7%
Group revenue	4,771.0	4,298.7	+11.0%	+9.3%	-0.2%	+2.4%	-0.5%

#### France

The France segment revenue grew +5.2% in the first nine months of 2018. Growth from acquisitions was +4.2%, primarily reflecting the contribution from SAG French activities and ICT specialist S-Cube, acquired in 2017. In an overall favourable market environment, there was good growth in telecom infrastructure, industrial activities and information and communication services, while we continued to proactively reduce our activity in commercial installation services through contract selectivity. Year-to-date organic growth stood at +0.9%, with the third quarter at -1.7%, reflecting a higher comparison

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basis and selectivity in commercial installation. We anticipate a positive fourth quarter, already distinctly visible at the end of October, due to a back-end loaded activity this year.

### Germany & Central Europe

In Germany, year-to-date revenue growth was +22.9%, primarily reflecting the full-year consolidation of SPIE SAG and Lück. Organic growth remained strong, at +4.0% (with +1.6% in the third quarter), reflecting SPIE's good positioning on a dynamic market. In Transmission & Distribution services, growth continued to be strong, albeit reduced by a higher comparison basis in the second half of the year, and the medium and long-term prospects are excellent. Technical Facility Management activities remained dynamic and Building Technology activities performed well, however project phasing impacted their organic growth in the third quarter. The integration of Transmission & Distribution Services activities is now successfully complete and the €20 million cost synergies are being delivered according to plan. The disposal process of SAG Gas & Offshore activities is ongoing.

In Central Europe and in Switzerland, revenue trends were in line with expectations.

#### North-Western Europe

In the North-Western Europe segment, organic growth remained strong with +3.8% in the third quarter, resulting in +3.5% year-to-date. Combined with a +11.8% contribution from bolt-on acquisitions, a -0.9% effect from the disposal of the UK overhead lines services completed in June, and a -0.6% foreign exchange impact, the segment's revenue grew by +13.9% in the first nine months of 2018.

In the Netherlands, revenue in the first nine months of the year was on track, with robust growth in infrastructure and industry services and a strong contribution from bolt-on acquisitions.

Having fully exited non-core distribution activities in June 2018, our UK business is showing resilience in an uncertain market, with a modest year-to-date organic growth.

In Belgium, year-to-date revenue growth was good across the board, in a dynamic market. The integration of ICT specialist Systemat, acquired in April 2018, is well underway with identified commercial synergies.

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#### Oil & Gas and Nuclear

In Oil & Gas Services, business levels started to improve in West Africa, where SPIE holds strong positions, with an increased level of churn work and the award of new maintenance contracts. Combined with sustained downstream activities, this resulted in a positive organic growth in the third quarter (+4.5%), and in a good outlook for the balance of the year.

In Nuclear activities, a lower than anticipated Flamanville EPR contract slow-down and strong Grand Carénage activity resulted in a +5.0% organic growth in the third quarter.

Overall, the Oil & Gas and Nuclear segment enjoyed an organic growth of +4.7% in the third quarter. As a result, year-to-date organic contraction was reduced to -2.6%. With a -2.7% foreign exchange impact, the segment revenue contraction moderated to -5.0% over nine months.

#### **EBITA**

Group EBITA was €251.1 million over nine months, up +4.3% compared to the pro forma<sup>1</sup> level of the same period last year. EBITA margin was 5.3%, slightly up compared to a pro forma level of 5.2% for the first nine months of 2017. EBITA was up +2.1% compared to the first nine months of 2017, restated for discontinued operations.

In France, as expected, a good operational performance over the first nine months of the year compensated for the decrease in CICE<sup>2</sup> and the dilutive impact of SPIE SAG's French activities. Germany & Central Europe EBITA margin grew strongly year-on-year compared to pro forma, with cost synergies being delivered according to plan.

At Group level, EBITA margin for the first nine months of the year confirmed our expectation of a slight increase over the full year, compared to 2017 pro forma level.

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### **Bolt-on acquisitions**

Since the beginning of 2018, SPIE has completed 4 acquisitions totalling approximately €91 million of full-year revenue:

- On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, SPIE completed the acquisition of Systemat in Belgium. Systemat specialises in the management of ICT equipment, software and infrastructure for its clients. The company employs around 150 people with revenue of approximately €70 million. This acquisition allows SPIE to enter the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) services market in Belgium and to complement the wide range of services already offered by the Group in this country.
- On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, SPIE acquired Fluigetec in France. This acquisition allows SPIE to complement the wide range of services it offers to the nuclear sector. Fluigetec employs 19 people and generated revenue of close to €2 million in 2017.
- On July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, SPIE acquired Buchet in France, a company specialising in electrical installation in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region. Buchet employs 47 people and generated revenue of approximately €13 million in 2017.
- On August 1st, 2018, SPIE acquired Siétar & VTI in France, a company specialising in pipework and boilermaking for liquid processes in the agri-food industry. Siétar & VTI employs 44 people and generated revenue of €6 million in 2017.

### 2018 full-year outlook confirmed

SPIE expects strong revenue growth in 2018:

- Acquisitions made in 2017 are expected to bring additional incremental revenue in 2018 in the order of €370 million;
- Group organic growth is expected to improve compared to 2017;
- Full-year revenue acquired in 2018 through bolt-on acquisitions is expected to be approximately €200 million, subject to the signing in Q4 of two acquisitions currently in advanced discussion stage.

As a result, Group revenue is expected to grow in excess of 7.0% at constant currency in 2018.

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Group EBITA margin is expected to be 6.0% or more, higher than 2017 pro forma level<sup>1</sup>.

Cash conversion is expected to be c.100% and year-end leverage ratio<sup>2</sup> at 3.1x.

The dividend pay-out ratio will be c.40% of Adjusted Net Income<sup>3</sup> attributable to the Group.

### Conference call for investors and analysts

**Date:** Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 9.00 am Paris time - 8.00 am London time

Speakers: Gauthier Louette, Chairman & CEO Denis Chêne, CFO

#### **Next events**

2018 Full-year Results: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 before market opening
Quarterly information at March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 before market opening
2019 Half-year Results: July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 before market opening
Quarterly information at September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 before market opening

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As the independent European leader in multi-technical services in the areas of energy and communications, SPIE supports its customers to design, build, operate and maintain energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly facilities. With more than 46,000 employees and a strong local presence, SPIE achieved in 2017 consolidated revenues of  $\in 6.1$  billion and consolidated EBITA of  $\in 388$  million.

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 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$  Adjusted for the amortisation of allocated goodwill and exceptional items



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## Appendix

### Group revenue and EBITA

	2018			2017 Restated <sup>1</sup>			Change			
In millions of euros	9m	Q3	H1	9m	Q3	H1	9m	Q3	H1	FY17R <sup>1</sup>
Revenue	4,771.0	1,662.0	3,109.0	4.298.7	1,600.7	2,698.0	+11.0%	+3.8%	+15.2%	6,126.9
EBITA	251.1	101.5	149.6	246.0	96.5	149.5	+2.1%	+5.2%	+0.0%	388.0
EBITA margin	5.3%	6.1%	4.8%	5.7%	6.0%	5.5%				6.3%

### Q3 revenue breakdown

In millions of euros	Q3 2018	Q3 2017 Restated <sup>1</sup>	Change	o/w external growth	o/w disposals²	o/w organic growth	o/w foreign exchange
France	603.5	601.7	+0.3%	+2.0%	-	-1.7%	-
Germany & CE	554.0	553.5	+0.1%	+0.5%	-	-0.1%	-0.3%
o/w Germany	465.7	454.9	+2.4%	+0.7%	-	+1.6%	-
North-Western Europe	385.8	334.8	+15.2%	+14.0%	-2.5%	+3.8%	-0.1%
Oil & Gas and Nuclear	118.7	110.8	+7.1%	+0.8%	-	+4.7%	+1.6%
Group revenue	1,662.0	1,600.7	+3.8%	+3.9%	-0.5%	+0.5%	-0.0%

### Reconciliation between revenue (as per management accounts) and revenue under IFRS

In millions of euros	9m 2018	9m 2017 Restated <sup>1</sup>
Revenue (as per management accounts)	4,771.0	4,298.7
Sonaid	0.1	(6.5)
Holding activities	14.1	16.8
Others	3.9	(6.9)
Revenue under IFRS	4,789.1	4,302.2

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### Reconciliation between EBITA and Operating income

In millions of euros	9m 2018	9m 2017 Restated <sup>1</sup>
EBITA	251.1	246.0
Amortisation of intangible assets (allocated goodwill)	(43.3)	(13.4)
Restructuring costs and discontinued activities	(18.2)	(23.2)
Financial commissions	(1.1)	(1.2)
Non-controlling interests	(0.1)	(0.5)
Others	(23.9)	(16.3)
Operating Income	164.6	191.4

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