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# SOFiN Consulting: SOFiSTiK establishes subsidiary with international operations in Finland

The developer of software for the construction industry maintains its international growth trajectory

Oberschleißheim, xx August 2020 – Construction software vendor SOFiSTiK is establishing a new subsidiary, SOFiN Consulting, in Espoo, Finland. The move is a response to the latest developments in the construction industry, in which new modeling and design methods are coming to the fore, requiring additional services and knowledge transfer. SOFiN will act as an independent consultant advising engineering practices, builders and public authorities around the world on their bridge construction projects.

Regardless of size, complexity or type of bridge, SOFiN will guide its clients through all stages of the development process. Its services include conceptual and detailed construction design, detailed parameter-based 3D modeling and all aspects of load-bearing planning. In addition, SOFiN will offer project-specific training and consultancy in the SOFiSTiK FEA bridge design software with BIM (building information modeling). This will enable clients to use the software even more effectively and, together with SOFiN, to develop the ideal approach to modeling, analysis, design and reporting for their specific bridge construction project.



Atte Mikkonen, Managing Director at SOFiN Consulting

Atte Mikkonen, a specialist civil and structural engineer of more than 20 years' experience in bridge construction, will

take on the role of Managing Director at SOFiN Consulting. He is a specialist in cable-stayed designs and post-tensioned bridges. Reference projects in his previous role at <a href="WSP">WSP</a> include high-profile architectural and international projects such as the Kruunuvuori bridge in Finland, Thu Thiem 2 bridge in Vietnam, and the Chenab bridge in India. Mikkonen and SOFiSTiK have already enjoyed a successful partnership since 2012, collaborating to bring numerous international projects to fruition, and culminating now in the creation of this new venture.

"Our objective is to offer clients a productive and scalable solution for realizing complex projects," explains Frank Deinzer, CEO of SOFiSTiK AG. "In establishing SOFiN Consulting we have created an opportunity to meet our clients' needs for additional services beyond software technical support. From its Finnish base, SOFiN will support bridge projects around the world, with clients benefiting from our expertise and practical knowledge. Atte Mikkonen is a highly skilled expert in his field with many years'

experience in design and real-world bridge construction. We are proud to be continuing our partnership."

"SOFiN is all about better design in a shorter time with higher quality," says Atte Mikkonen, Managing Director of the new subsidiary. "In partnership with our clients we will strive to achieve technical excellence, applying state-of-the-art modeling, analysis and design techniques. We will be a reliable sub-consultant, team member or service provider, helping engineering practices, construction contractors and authorities to optimize their bridge designs and coordinate client projects. I am looking forward to exciting and challenging international projects in bridge design and construction."

Further information about SOFiN Consulting's services can be found at <a href="https://www.sofin.consulting/">https://www.sofin.consulting/</a>. Learn more about the SOFiSTiK software and its functionality at <a href="https://www.sofistik.com/">https://www.sofistik.com/</a>.

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SOFiSTiK is one of the world's leading suppliers of analysis, design, and engineering software for construction projects. For over 30 years, the company's applications have been developed in Oberschleißheim and Nuremberg and marketed internationally.

In addition to the traditional disciplines of finite element analysis and CAD, SOFiSTiK has in recent years contributed to the advancement of building information modeling (BIM) planning, launching successful products in the field.

SOFiSTiK is an Autodesk® Industry Partner and currently active in over 60 countries with its partner network. More information is available at: www.sofistik.de.

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