

EDITORIAL



If we consider the political events going on in Europe or in Africa as we are writing these lines, news about Sogitec may seem of precious little importance.

In a few days time, the essential comes back to the fore.

Everything that makes for the beauty of mankind, but also everything that casts a shadow upon it, is thrown at us, and sometimes overburdens us.

It takes a lot of arrogance, vanity, lust for power and greed to take people to war. It takes a lot of courage and self-sacrifice to fight for peace. It also takes a lot of solidarity to heal the wounds, and a lot of humility and wisdom to rebuild afterwards.

All those virtues we forget about in the periods of plenty (and so it is since the dawn of mankind) come back to us in the difficult times.

Technology and human progress simply show increasingly the extent of man's freedom in the face of life, death, society...

Everything that supposedly justified and pushed us towards unrestricted exercising of this freedom now requires us to get back to a baseline so that we can use it in a responsible manner.

Of course these questions go beyond the UN, beyond the services industry, beyond finance, aeronautics and the car industry, ... and beyond Sogitec.

Sogitec's position in an aeronautical group, which is itself associated with a large aerospace group, favors the development of our activities.

The last November agreement signed with CAE makes Sogitec/CAE the world leader in image generation machines for civil and military applications.

Developments in logistics and electronic documentation are continuing in naval aeronautics, with Eurocopter, Thomson Detexis and SNECMA.

The change has occurred rapidly, but our three-year forecasts enable us to say with confidence that Sogitec's products shall be ever-more efficient and shall meet our customers' needs.

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