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## Sonomatic to acquire tube inspection division of Archipax

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Sonomatic, a provider of advanced automated ultrasonic inspection services with offices in Aberdeen, is buying the tube inspection division of Archipax. The acquisition is aimed at broadening the range of capabilities and services available to Sonomatic's current and future clients.

Leading the new Sonomatic Tube Division is Ian van Bosch, former owner of Archipax. Mr van Bosch joined Sonomatic in 2014 as a head consultant for tube inspections, and success was followed by the decision to acquire Archipax Tube Inspection.

Through the acquisition Sonomatic will now be able to offer inspection personnel, probe and equipment development for Boiler Tubes, Heat Exchangers/Chillers and Fin Fan Coolers, in addition to their full range of existing capabilities in NDT inspections.

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

"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. "We look forward to joining the talented Sonomatic team and to contributing to the company's ongoing growth and success."

As well as Aberdeen, Sonomatic has operational bases in Warrington, Perth WA, Brisbane, Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Johannesburg, Secunda and Vanderbijl Park in South Africa, and North Carolina and Houston in the US.