



Sedgwick expands EFI Global offerings through acquisition of ABESIM B.V. in Belgium

BRUSSELS – 2 December 2021 – [Sedgwick](#), a leading global provider of technology-enabled risk, benefits and integrated business solutions, announced it has acquired [ABESIM B.V.](#) to join its [EFI Global](#) business, which specializes in forensic engineering, environmental, fire investigation and specialty consulting services. The transaction represents an important step in establishing the presence of EFI Global in Belgium and consolidating their presence in continental Europe in support of their regional growth plans.

ABESIM is a Belgium-based engineering consultancy focused on soil contamination diagnostics and management. ABESIM's soil contamination experts across Belgium assist project managers on both small and large projects involving drilling, sampling, drone flying, asbestos sampling, geotechnical field and laboratory testing, and groundwater flow modelling. While most Belgian firms in this space use independent contractors, all of ABESIM's professionals are company employees.

ABESIM will provide EFI Global with a solid base in continental Europe, upon which it can grow in the various EU markets. EFI Global joining forces with ABESIM also firmly establishes Sedgwick as a long-term player in the Belgian market, supporting organic growth initiatives and the company's international business growth strategy.

"This acquisition will help us to improve our operations and strategic positioning — not just in Benelux, but across the whole of the EU," said Dirk Clement, director of Sedgwick in Belgium. "With the help of Johan L'Ecluse and his team from ABESIM, we can certainly improve our property and environmental loss adjusting services in the region. We look forward to capturing future growth opportunities and diversifying our customer base."

Commenting on the acquisition, Jeremy Mele, president of EFI Global, said: "As a business, we are always looking for opportunities to support our expansion and better ourselves. This deal and the support of Sedgwick will provide substantial benefit to both parties and to our customers."

"I am excited to work with Dirk and the entire Sedgwick and EFI Global team in Belgium," said Johan L'Ecluse, founder of ABESIM. "By combining Sedgwick's global resources, EFI Global's focus on environmental solutions and our extensive local sector expertise, we will have the scale and capabilities to meet the growing demand for specialized soil contamination claims management and drive growth in Belgium and further afield."

Complementing the global property, casualty and liability claims management services of Sedgwick and other subsidiaries, the EFI Global team delivers environmental solutions and building consultancy expertise and services to meet the demands of clients across the globe.

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About EFI Global

EFI Global, part of Sedgwick, is a well-established brand with an excellent reputation in the Americas, Africa, Asia-Pacific and Europe as a market leader in environmental consulting, engineering failure analysis and origin-and-cause investigations. Each year, EFI Global completes more than 45,000 projects worldwide for a wide range of clients, such as commercial, industrial, institutional, insurance, government, risk managers, public and private entities. EFI Global is one of the world's most respected emergency response firms, capable of providing practical solutions to the most complex problems. Our multidisciplinary team of first responders, project managers, engineers, geologists and scientists are selected for their technical proficiency and in-depth industry knowledge to aid clients in resolving technical problems. For more, see efiglobal.com.

About Sedgwick

Sedgwick is a leading global provider of technology-enabled risk, benefits and integrated business solutions. We provide a broad range of resources tailored to our clients' specific needs in casualty, property, marine, benefits, brand protection and other lines. At Sedgwick, caring counts; through the dedication and expertise of nearly 30,000 colleagues across 65 countries, the company takes care of people and organizations by mitigating and reducing risks and losses, promoting health and productivity, protecting brand reputations, and containing costs that can impact the bottom line. Sedgwick's majority shareholder is The Carlyle Group; Stone Point Capital LLC, Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ), Onex and other management investors are minority shareholders. For more, see sedgwick.com.

About ABESIM

Founded by Johan L'Ecluse, ABESIM is a leading Belgian-based engineering consultancy mainly focused on soil contamination diagnostics and management. The company's revenue is equally split between public sector and private sector clients. Public sector clients include railway companies, government authorities for waste treatment and water treatment agencies. Private sector clients include gasoline service stations, insurance companies, and building companies. The company is licensed and operates in all three regions of Belgium as a soil contamination expert.

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