

December 2003:

- SOGREAH has substantially developed its renewable energy activity, particularly in the field of wind power. More than 50 land-based and offshore sites are currently being studied on behalf of private investors.

November 2003:

- SOGREAH has just signed a contract with the Gulf Countries Council for a study aimed at interconnecting the water networks in six of the Gulf states. This contract deals in particular with the reliability of water supplies and alternative methods for producing drinking water, taking into account environmental and institutional aspects.
- SOGREAH will once again be holding a stand at the Mayors' and Local Authorities' Show in Paris from 18 to 20 November.
- On 27 November, SOGREAH is deploying TechSo, the group's skills network. TechSo is a sophisticated collaborative intranet enabling the group's 40 sites within France and abroad to share skills, project references, know-how and feedback.

October 2003:

- SOGREAH has opened a new office in Shanghai to prepare the second stage of the Shanghai Urban Environment project and strengthen its position in the Yangtze delta. This is the fourth office to be opened in China, following Beijing, Chongqing and Guangzhou.
- On 10 October, President and CEO Jacques Gaillard inaugurated SOGREAH's new office in Caen in the presence of personalities from the region. This office is a further step in the strategic policy that SOGREAH has been pursuing for the past 3 years to be closer at hand for its clients.
- SOGREAH led a workshop at the Environrisk forum in Lyons on 8-9 October. Environrisk is an annual forum dedicated to sustainable environmental management with a strong industrial component.
- SOGREAH also took an active part in the symposium organised in Lyons by the Société Hydrotechnique de France on 8 October on the theme "What physical models for the 21st century?". Many of the participants then visited SOGREAH's hydraulics laboratory in Pont de Claix, just outside Grenoble.

September 2003:

- SOGREAH adopted a high profile at the Annual Conference of FIDIC (the International Federation of Consulting Engineers) in Paris from 8 to 10 September 2003. Jacques Gaillard, Chairman and CEO, led a round table on "acceptability criteria for responsible investment", Luc Hamm, Technical Manager, led a workshop on "public and political debates accompanying new investments" and Dominique Buffin was one of the key contributors to a "young professionals" debate.

- SOGREAH 's laboratory has just completed a physical scale model of the downstream delta of the Mississippi (Louisiana). This model will be used to study the feasibility of large-scale developments with the aim of re-establishing sediment transport and helping to restore Louisiana's severely eroded coastline. A minor technical exploit achieved by the laboratory: once this model had been built, validated and operated in Grenoble, it was dismantled and transported to Baton Rouge (Louisiana), to be used for further studies.
- SOGREAH is chairing the steering committee of Riteau, a national technological research and innovation network focusing on water and environmental technology, which organised a seminar to take stock of the last three years of research on 24 and 25 September in Paris. Over the past three years, Riteau has instigated 42 projects with a total budget of 32 million euros (www.riteau.org).

August 2003:

- SOGREAH is setting up a subsidiary to be called SOGREAH Gulf and based in Dubai (United Arab Emirates), in order to boost the group's operations in the Middle East and, in particular, to assist its industrial clients in the Gulf states. SOGREAH is currently performing a study of some twenty wind farm projects in France with a potential total output of over 250 MW.

July 2003:

- SOGREAH is continuing to develop its network of branch offices in France and has just acquired the AVT design office in Lille. This will enhance the group's presence in northern France.
- SOGREAH Daragon opens a new office in Nice.

June 2003:

- SOGREAH was chosen to coordinate and manage Douala sewerage project (Cameroon).

May 2003:

- From 13 to 16 May, SOGREAH took part in the "Equip Ville" exhibition devoted to urban development (lighting, roads, utilities, etc.) at Lyons' Eurexpo centre.

April 2003:

- SOGREAH was chosen to supervise works on Sficifa dam in Tunisia and coordinate and manage works for Dijon sewage treatment plant (France). Port Revel shiphandling training centre began its 2003 season, providing courses for pilots and captains from around the world. On 25 April, Sogreah attended the ATTF (Assemblée des Techniciens Territoriaux (regional public works technicians) exhibition at Modane in Haute-Savoie.

March 2003:

- SOGREAH creates Magelis, a subsidiary dedicated to industrial environmental consultancy abroad. The company is based in Lyons.

February 2003:

- In partnership with its subsidiary SOGREAH Cyprus, SOGREAH is chosen to provide project coordination and management services for sanitation in 28 localities in the Greater Nicosia area (with EU funding),



January 2003:

- SOGREAH sends you its best wishes for the New Year.
- SOGREAH is chosen to provide project coordination and management services for the western sewage treatment plant in Nîmes (220 000 PEs).
SOGREAH combines its Rhône-Alps branch with Etudes et Projets. The new organisation is named SOGREAH Etudes et Projets and covers in particular the entire Rhône-Alps region.

