

## **GLOBAL FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY ENGINEERING LEADER JENSEN HUGHES ACQUIRES BELGIUM-BASED FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERING FIRM, FES GHENT**

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Jensen Hughes, a global leader in safety, security and risk-based engineering and consulting, announced today its acquisition of FES Ghent (FESG). The market leader in fire protection engineering in Belgium, FESG specializes in code compliance, risk assessment, computational fluid dynamics (CFD), evacuation analysis and performance-based design in complex commercial, infrastructure, transportation and tunnel projects.

“FESG owner Xavier Deckers and his team have built an impressive business focused on providing high-quality client service. We are honored to have their world-class specialists join us in supporting our clients’ fire and life safety requirements wherever they operate in the world with integrated, end-to-end solutions,” says Raj Arora, CEO, Jensen Hughes.

FESG is the most recent strategic acquisition by Jensen Hughes, a portfolio company of Gryphon Investors, that reflects the company’s long-term commitment to deliver its integrated, end-to-end services to the global market. The acquisition enhances Jensen Hughes’ robust, European fire protection and global tunnel ventilation capabilities. It also strengthens Jensen Hughes’ ability to help clients in the fire, building and safety industry and implement global best practices to manage these in a prevention-oriented and cost-effective manner.

In addition to its investments worldwide, Jensen Hughes’ focus on the European market includes its 2018 acquisition of the UK and Ireland firm Jeremy Gardner Associates (JGA), 2019 acquisition of International Fire Investigators and Consultants (IFIC) and 2020 acquisition of L2 Fire Safety based in Finland.

FESG was founded in 2009 and is owned and managed by Xavier Deckers, who holds ties to the University of Ghent, a rich source of talent feeding into the company. “For over a decade, we have built a scalable business around our clients’ need for code compliance, risk assessment, CFD analysis, evacuation analysis and performance-based design.” said Deckers. “Jensen Hughes is just as deeply committed to technical excellence as FESG has been since our founding. Its market leadership, global scale and deep bench of scientists, engineers and consultants opens up tremendous opportunities to provide an even more holistic solution for our clients.

*Link to original press release:*

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