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# DESCRIPTION OF THE SHARE BUY-BACK PROGRAM

## TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING CONVENED TO BE HELD ON JUNE 4, 2015 (ELEVENTH RESOLUTION)

In accordance with Articles 241-1 *et seq.* of the French Financial Markets Authority's (*Autorité des marchés financiers*) General Regulations, this description aims to indicate the objectives, terms and conditions of the share buy-back program of COMPAGNIE DE SAINT-GOBAIN (the "Company") to be submitted for approval to the General Meeting convened to be held on June 4, 2015.

Saint-Gobain, the worldwide leader in the habitat and construction market, designs, manufactures and distributes high-performance and building materials, providing innovative solutions to the challenges of growth, energy efficiency and environmental protection.

With 2014 consolidated sales of €41,054 million and 180,000 employees, Saint-Gobain's net income (Group share) amounted to €953 million in 2014.

The Company's shares are listed on the Euronext regulated market in Paris.

The Board of Directors wishes that the Company renews its share buy-back program. To this end, as every year, the implementation of a new share buy-back program to be established in accordance with the provisions of Articles L. 225-209 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code, the 2273/2003 (EC) Regulation dated December 22, 2003 and the French Financial Markets Authority's General Regulations, will be submitted for approval to the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on June 4, 2015 (11<sup>th</sup> resolution). This authorization shall replace, as from its adoption, the one granted in the 11<sup>th</sup> resolution of the General Meeting of June 5, 2014 and shall cancel any unused portion.

This resolution, if adopted, would rule out the option for the Company to pursue the execution of its share buy-back program while a public tender offer for the Company's shares is in progress.

### I. <u>Date of the shareholders' meeting called to authorize the new share buy-back</u> program

The new share buy-back program will be submitted for approval to the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting of June 4, 2015.

#### II. Number of shares and interest held by the Company

As at April 30, 2015, the Company held, directly or indirectly, 819,521 of its own shares, representing 0.15 % of the Company's share capital.

### III. Split of the shares held by the Company per objective

As at April 30, 2015:

- 797,521 shares were allocated to the coverage of performance shares plans and other forms of allotment to employees (including purchase stock options); and
- 22,000 shares were allocated, for purposes of stabilizing the Saint-Gobain share price, to the liquidity agreement entered into with Exane BNP Paribas on November 16, 2007, in compliance with the charter recognized by the French Financial Markets Authority.

#### IV. Purposes of the new share buy-back program

Under the new share buy-back program that will be submitted for approval to the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting of June 4, 2015, the Company is considering repurchasing its shares, or having its shares repurchased, for purposes of:

- the allotment of free shares, the allotment of stock options and the allotment or sale of shares under employee savings plans;
- offsetting the dilutive impact resulting from potential free shares' allocations, the issuance of shares upon exercise of stocks options or upon subscription by employees as part of employee savings plans;
- delivering shares upon exercise of the rights attaching to securities giving access to the Company's share capital;
- enabling an independent investment services provider to ensure the market making of the secondary market or the maintenance of the liquidity of the Company's market share price under liquidity agreements, consistent with the charter of ethics recognized by the French Financial Markets Authority;
- cancelling shares, either wholly or partially, pursuant to and subject to the adoption by the General Meeting of the nineteenth resolution submitted for approval to the General Shareholders' Meeting;
- delivering shares (for payment, exchange or other reasons) as part of transactions involving external growth transactions, mergers, split-ups or contributions;
- carrying out any market practice that may become authorized by the French Financial Markets Authority and, more generally, for any other transaction authorized under the relevant laws or regulations.

## V. <u>Maximum proportion of share capital to be purchased, maximum purchase</u> price and maximum number of and type of securities that may be acquired under the new share buy-back program

The maximum proportion of the Company's share capital that might be bought back under the new share buy-back program would be 10% of the total number of shares comprising the Company's share capital as of the date of the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting convened to be held on June 4, 2015.

The number of shares acquired with a view to retaining them and tendering them subsequently in exchange as part of transactions involving external growth transactions,

mergers, split-ups or contributions would not exceed 5% of the Company's share capital at such date. In accordance with Article L. 225-210 of the French Commercial Code, the number of shares that the Company can hold at any time may not exceed 10% of the shares comprising the Company's share capital.

The maximum purchase price under the new share buy-back program would be  $\in$  80 per share, it being specified that such price might be adjusted in case of financial transactions involving the Company's share capital, including share capital increase by way of capitalization of reserves, allotment of free shares, split of the nominal value of the stock or stock grouping, distribution of reserves or any other assets, depreciation of the share capital, or any other transaction involving the share capital or the shareholders' equity, in order to take into account the effect of such transactions on the stock price.

The Company would only be authorized to repurchase ordinary shares.

For information purposes, the theoretical number of shares that could be bought back by the Company under the share buy-back program would be 56,220,004<sup>1</sup> shares (10% of the share capital as of April, 30 2015).

### VI. Term of the new share buy-back program

In accordance with the eleventh resolution that will be submitted for approval at the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meeting convened to be held on June 4, 2015, the new share-back program would be implemented over an eighteen-month period following the date of the Meeting, i.e. until December 3, 2016.

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In accordance with the terms of Article 241-2, II of the French Financial Markets Authority's General Regulations, during the implementation of the share buy-back program, any significant alteration of any of the information listed in sections IV, V and VI above will be made public in compliance with the terms set forth in Article 221-3 of that Regulations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Following the share capital increases of  $\in$ 1,217,924 of March 31, 2015 and April 7, 2015.