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Saint-Gobain announces the extension of the NOVA Competition

Competition to find the best green-building and cleantech start-ups

Saint-Gobain, the world leader in sustainable habitat, announced the extension of the call for entries for the 2015 NOVA Innovation Competition. The new deadline for applicants is July 3, 2015. Candidates who already applied also have until July 3, 2015, to submit additional information for their application file.

Launched officially on January 12, 2015, the fifth edition of this Competition aims to reward start-up companies that aspire to develop and commercialize the most innovative solutions in the fields of habitat, energy and the environment such as construction products, advanced materials, energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. The Competition is organized and sponsored by Saint-Gobain's NOVA External Venturing group and offers prizes totaling \$100,000.

Start-up companies can gain valuable exposure and feedback from industry experts, as well as potential for a partnership with Saint-Gobain. The top 8 finalists will win a trip to compete live on November 18, 2015, at the grand finale at the 2015 Greenbuild International Conference & Expo in Washington, DC.

To find out more about the NOVA Innovation Competition, see the official rules and apply online, visit the website www.nova-saint-gobain.com.

ABOUT SAINT-GOBAIN

In 2015, Saint-Gobain is celebrating its 350th anniversary, 350 reasons to believe in the future. Backed by its experience and its capacity to continuously innovate, Saint-Gobain, the world 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 sales of €41 billion, Saint-Gobain operates in 64 countries and has over 180,000 employees. For more information about Saint-Gobain, visit www.saint-gobain.com and the twitter account @saintgobain or download the "Saint-Gobain Shareholder" application for tablet and smartphone.

ABOUT NOVA EXTERNAL VENTURING

NOVA External Venturing is the Saint-Gobain team in charge of identifying and evaluating start-ups with a view to making mutually beneficial, long-term development partnerships with the Group's activities. They combine Saint-Gobain's marketing, manufacturing and R&D resources with the freshest ideas in construction and advanced materials. Since NOVA was set up in 2006, over 2,700 start-ups have been screened and more than 65 partnerships signed. These partnerships can take various forms: co-development, licensing, manufacturing or commercial agreements, investments, joint-ventures. For more information about Saint-Gobain's NOVA External Venturing team, please visit www.nova-saint-gobain.com.



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