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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Saint-Gobain recognized for the seventh consecutive year as one of the 100 most innovative companies in the world**

Clarivate Analytics\* has just published its Top Global Innovators 2017 ranking. For the seventh time in a row, Saint-Gobain has been included in the 100 most innovative companies and institutions in the world, based on four patent-related metrics: the total number of patents, the number of patents granted as a ratio of patents filed, the global scope of the portfolio of patents, and the impact of patents measured by the number of references.

“This acknowledgement of the quantity, quality and impact of our patents is recognition of the priority Saint-Gobain has placed on innovation and R&D over the past years. In order to continue to provide our customers with new and differentiating solutions, we file about 400 patents each year, thereby strengthening our lead position on our markets,” said Pierre-André de Chalendar, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Saint-Gobain group.

R&D at Saint-Gobain is supported by 3,700 employees, a global network of eight cross-business research centers and numerous dedicated R&D units for a total investment of €438 million in 2016. With more than 900 R&D projects in progress, Saint-Gobain has a pool of innovations that allows it to launch many new products every year. One out of four products sold today by the Group did not exist five years ago.

In addition to specific R&D projects in each Activity, Group R&D supports, through specific programs, the many efforts to reduce carbon emissions and to develop expertise and projects in three major areas:

- materials and processes
- building sciences
- the digital transformation and associated emerging technology.

\*Formally Thomson Reuters

## **ABOUT SAINT-GOBAIN**

Saint-Gobain designs, manufactures and distributes materials and solutions which are key ingredients in the wellbeing of each of us and the future of all. They can be found everywhere in our living places and our daily life: in buildings, transportation, infrastructure and in many industrial applications. They provide comfort, performance and safety while addressing the challenges of sustainable construction, resource efficiency and climate change.

**€39.1 billion in sales in 2016**

**Operates in 67 countries**

**More than 170,000 employees**

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