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Saint-Gobain among world's top 100 most innovative companies for ninth consecutive year

For the ninth consecutive year, Saint-Gobain has been named as one of the 100 most innovative companies and institutions in the Clarivate Analytics* "Derwent Top 100 Global Innovators" ranking. The recently published list is based on four main metrics: the total number of patents, their quality, their global scope and their impact measured by the number of references.

This renewed ranking recognizes the emphasis Saint-Gobain consistently places on innovation and R&D. It rewards the expertise and commitment shown by our teams to provide our customers with new and differentiated solutions to the major societal issues of comfort and wellbeing, responsible and sustained commitment, productivity and performance.

To develop these solutions, Saint-Gobain's teams rely on strong R&D based on a global organization structured around eight cross-business research centers and numerous R&D units focused on specific product lines or regional needs. To protect and promote its innovation, the Group files more than 400 patents each year, thus strengthening its lead position on its various markets.

"This organization enables us to innovate openly with our partners and customers – whether young startups or established companies – and with the academic world. As a result, one out of every four products sold today by Saint-Gobain did not exist five years ago. For the Group, this drives competitiveness and growth; and for our employees, it is a source of great pride," says Pierre-André de Chalendar, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Saint-Gobain Group.

* Formerly 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.

€41.8 billion in sales in 2018 Operates in 68 countries More than 180,000 employees

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