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### **Saint-Gobain recognized for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as being one of the 100 most innovative companies in the world**

**Saint-Gobain has been named one of the world's 100 most innovative companies in the Clarivate Top 100 Global Innovator™ 2021 ranking for the tenth consecutive year.** The ranking is established by studying the number of patents filed, but also the impact that a company's inventions have on patent filings by others, the percentage of successful patent submissions, and the steps taken for legal protection of patents filed worldwide.

Since first being nominated in 2011 as one of the 100 most innovative companies in the world, Saint-Gobain has:

- filed more than 4,000 patents,
- funded over 100 academic theses,
- developed major product innovations in all its markets to maintain its leadership positions, combining performance, customer benefits and sustainability,
- improved its manufacturing processes, especially making them more energy and resource efficient,
- innovated in customer service and supply chain management, thanks in particular to digital technology and the use of data and artificial intelligence.

*"Saint-Gobain is constantly reinventing itself to serve its customers and meet society's expectations. In rapidly changing and highly competitive markets, innovation is more than ever at the heart of our strategy. Our teams are fully mobilized to meet the major challenges of our time, particularly scientific and technological ones, in the service of our purpose - "Making the World a Better Home". Being recognized for the tenth consecutive year as one of the 100 most innovative companies in the world is a great source of pride,"* said Benoit Bazin, Chief Operating Officer of Saint-Gobain.

### **Innovation and R&D in Saint-Gobain in figures**

Despite the health crisis, the Group, which has over 3,600 researchers, **invested €428 million** in Research and Development in 2020. To protect and enhance the value of these innovations, **more than 400 patents** are filed each year, reinforcing the Group's leadership position in its markets.

Saint-Gobain has **eight cross-functional R&D centers around the world**, which are complemented by numerous development units dedicated to specific businesses or geographical areas. These eight centers - three in France and five others in Brazil, China, Germany, India and the United States - offer the entire Group a broad spectrum of expertise in materials and process sciences.

Innovation within the Group takes place openly, through a co-development approach with customers and suppliers, but also through academic partnerships and collaborations with start-ups and incubators.

**This renewed recognition is a tribute to Saint-Gobain's ongoing focus on Innovation and R&D.** It rewards the expertise and commitment of Saint-Gobain's teams to provide customers with new and differentiated solutions that meet the challenges of protecting the planet, and the strive for comfort and well-being, productivity and performance.

## **ABOUT SAINT-GOBAIN**

Saint-Gobain designs, manufactures and distributes materials and solutions for the construction, mobility, healthcare and other industrial application markets. Developed through a continuous innovation process, they can be found everywhere in our living places and daily life, providing wellbeing, performance and safety, while addressing the challenges of sustainable construction, resource efficiency and the fight against climate change.

This strategy of responsible growth is guided by the Saint-Gobain purpose, "MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER HOME", which responds to the shared ambition of all the women and men in the Group to act every day to make the world a more beautiful and sustainable place to live in.

**€42.6 billion in sales in 2019**

**More than 170, 000 employees, located in 70 countries**

**Committed to achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2050**

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