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SAINT-GOBAIN ACQUIRES WATTEX, THE FLEMISH ROOF REINFORCEMENT SPECIALIST

Saint-Gobain has finalized the acquisition of 100% of the equity capital of Wattex, a business owned by the founding family Baert and manufacturing non-woven specialty products for the bitumen roof market. Founded in 1953, and located in the region of Antwerp in Belgium, this company produces non-woven carriers made from glass-fiber reinforced polyester providing excellent performance to waterproofing membranes for roofs.

After taking over the German firm Kirson finalized in October, this Wattex acquisition will enable Saint-Gobain's Adfors business to develop new solutions with its customers and extend its line of reinforcement products on the roofing market.

The acquisition will allow the Group to strengthen its positioning in high performance solutions for housing and construction.

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