

Foreword

Welcome to the inaugural issue of 'The Milestone' - Saint-Gobain's bi-monthly e-newsletter, where we share latest happenings within the Saint-Gobain group. In each issue, we'll update you what is happening on the global and local level. We will also share some tips on our products and our part in environmental protection. We hope that you will enjoy reading these articles as much as we enjoy sharing them with you.

The Saint-Gobain Malaysia Team

Features

Saint-Gobain at a Glance

Ranked at 106 in the 2008 Fortune 500 list, the Saint-Gobain Group is the world's largest building materials company, with sales turnover of €43.8 billion (RM215.5 billion) in 2008. Established in 1665, the group is organised into 4 business sectors: Construction Products, Innovative Materials, Building Distribution and Packaging. Strongly envisioned to protect the environment, the Saint-Gobain group allocated more than €390 million (RM1.9 billion) this year to maintain its research centers worldwide.

Our continuous efforts to minimise environmental impact in our work is recognised by the leaders in the countries we operate in. In November 2008, French President Nicholas Sarkozy visited the Placostrate® site in Vaujours. Accompanying him was the French Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development, and Town and Country Planning, Jean-Louis Borloo, and his Secretary of State, Nathalie Kosciusko-Morizet. The President congratulated Pierre-André de Chalendar, Chief Executive Officer of Saint-Gobain, of the group's commitment in its energy saving and environmental protection strategy.



In Portugal, Prime Minister José Socrates and Fernando Teixeira dos Santos, Minister of Economy and Innovation, inaugurated Saint-Gobain's first and largest production unit for parabolic cylindrical mirrors used in solar power plants. With this brand new facility, Saint-Gobain is right on track to advance its strategy of deploying its products using efficient energies.

In Malaysia, operating under the brand Gyproc and forming part of the larger activity within the Construction Products Sector of Saint-Gobain, Saint-Gobain Construction Products (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd is the largest gypsum board manufacturing plant in Malaysia. Since the inception of our operations in 2006, we have served the growing markets of Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, the Middle East and New Zealand.

Echoing the global strategy of exemplary performance on sustainable development, we offer a wide range of innovative gypsum board system solutions of internal walls, wall linings and ceilings. These systems assure lightweight and fast track constructions; high aesthetic properties; high performance, and of course, environmental friendly production and processes.

So do take some time off to drop by at our state-of-the-art facility in North Port at Port Klang for a tour of systems in our Solutions Centre. We will be more than happy to show you around.

TheTips

Gyproc GypWall™ System

The cavity in Gyproc GypWall™ Systems allows for the ease of installation of insulation materials, wiring and plumbing services.

One of the great things Gyproc GypWall™ Systems is that virtually any type of decoration can be applied – you can paint, add wallpaper, and even decorate with ceramic tiles!



Fixtures such as large cabinets, shelves, wall-mounted televisions etc can also be mounted. These heavy fixtures may need extra support. Consult us!

TheEnvironment

A building that uses a combination of products developed by Saint-Gobain to efficiently insulate it from the cold or the heat will also be a building well insulated from noise. For a tropical country like ours, it helps to keep the home cool during the day and keep the electricity bill down!

Saint-Gobain makes a major contribution to promoting the recycling of three of its core materials - glass, cast-iron and gypsum.

Secondary raw materials come from primary raw material waste - cullet for glass and ferrous scrap for cast-iron. Recycling secondary raw materials, combined with improvements in manufacturing processes, contribute to reducing the extraction of natural resources and the volume of waste to be processed. For example, 30% of the weight of a sheet of glass produced by Saint-Gobain Glass comes from recycled glass. Gypsum is also a material that can be recycled indefinitely.

Marina Bay Sands Singapore

Located along the Marina Bay Waterfront, the distinctive design of Marina Bay Sands aims to become the global landmark for Singapore, just like the Sydney Opera House for Australia. To realise this dream, its developer, Las Vegas Sands Corp, combines state of the art technology with world class construction and building materials in the development process.

Being the world's leader in building materials, Saint-Gobain's range of innovative gypsum system, marketed under the brand name Gyproc, is the answer to Las Vegas Sands Corp's needs. Environmental friendly, superior product performance, fast and easy installation methods, great flexibility and high aesthetic properties are just some of Gyproc's edge over its competitors.

The following Gyproc systems and materials are used in all the 2,600 rooms spread over 3 hotel towers, main Podium, North Podium and Atrium of the Marina Bay Sands development:

- Gyproc GypWall™ system with Gyproc FireLine boards for fire protection
- Gyproc GypWall™ system with Gyproc BaseLine with wool insulation for acoustic and thermal insulation
- Gyproc Casoline® Concealed Ceiling system with Gyproc TopLine boards for ceilings

This picture perfect development featuring hotel towers, pavilions, museum, retail stores, restaurants, entertainment centres and Meetings, Incentives, Convention and Exhibition (MICE) facilities makes Marina Bay Sands the ideal location for business and leisure.

Marina Bay Sands is schedule to complete by end 2009.

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