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French multinational corporation SAINT-GOBAIN joins the European Alliance to Save Energy to accelerate energy efficiency agenda in Europe

Brussels, 27 February 2017— The European Alliance to Save Energy (EU-ASE) announced today that the French group SAINT-GOBAIN has joined the ten current industrial members of the Alliance.

“We welcome SAINT-GOBAIN, and we look forward to working with them” said Harry Verhaar, Chairman of the EU-ASE Board and Head of Global Public & Government Affairs at Philips Lighting. *“SAINT-GOBAIN is a major industrial player and will strengthen our collective business voice and efforts to showcase energy efficiency as a solid business opportunity for Europe. Businesses need a clear and well-implemented regulatory framework to invest in Europe. The forthcoming review of major European Directives such as the EED and the EPBD is an opportunity to move in this direction.”*

In regard to joining EU-ASE, Emmanuel Normant, VP Sustainable Development at SAINT-GOBAIN said: *“Energy efficiency makes economic sense and brings tangible benefits to industry and citizens through, for example, reduced energy bills, creation of local jobs, better health and comfort and higher productivity. We want to contribute to unleashing the full potential of energy efficiency, in particular through increasing the scale and depth of building renovations in Europe. The European Alliance to Save Energy provides the right opportunity to do so by joining forces with other industries, politicians, think-tanks and NGOs.”*

Today, Energy Ministers from 28 Member States are meeting to exchange of views on the Clean Energy for All European Package. The Package includes proposals of the European Commission to review the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED) and the Energy Performance for Building Directive. *“We hope that both the Council and the European Parliament will acknowledge the strategic importance of energy efficiency from the earliest phases of the legislative co-decision procedure,”* added Harry Verhaar.

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[EU-ASE](#) was established in December 2010 by some of Europe’s leading multinational companies. The Alliance creates a platform from which our companies (1E, Danfoss, Ingersoll Rand, Kingspan, Knauf Insulation, Oracle Utilities, Philips Lighting, Saint-Gobain, Schneider Electric, Siemens and Veolia) can join with politicians and thought leaders to ensure that the voice of energy efficiency resonates across the business and political community. EU-ASE members operate across the 28 Member States of the European Union, employ over 340.000 people in Europe and have an aggregated annual turnover of €115 billion.

[SAINT-GOBAIN](#) is one of the top 100 industrial groups in the world, European or worldwide leader in all of its businesses including innovative material, construction products and building distribution. The SAINT-GOBAIN group has 170.000 employees and is represented in 67 countries.

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