

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## TILTEX™ MANUFACTURER EUROBENT FORCED TO PAY RECORD €1,000,000 TO CONCRETE CANVAS AFTER FINAL APPEAL FAILS

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Eurobent Sp.z.o.o.'s second and final appeal against the order of a Polish court to pay a compulsory sum of PLN 4,500,000 (€1,000,000) to Concrete Canvas Technology Ltd. has been rejected on the merits by the court in the 2nd instance in Świdnica. The decision is final and cannot be appealed and the sum of PLN 4,500,000 (€1,000,000) became due for payment following the final written decision issued by the court.

Eurobent is the manufacturer of Tiltex<sup>™</sup> (a sand cement filled GCL marketed as a GCCM). Tiltex<sup>™</sup> is also marketed by other companies under their own branding.

Pursuant to patent infringement proceedings instituted by Concrete Canvas Technology Ltd. against Eurobent in Poland for infringement of patent PL/EP 2027319, Eurobent has been restrained by preliminary injunction from manufacturing, offering and marketing Tiltex<sup>™</sup> for sale in Poland since April 2018. The preliminary injunction remains in force and it is illegal to manufacture Tiltex<sup>™</sup> in Poland.

Notwithstanding the preliminary injunction being in place, Concrete Canvas Technology Ltd. filed evidence of 21 instances of Eurobent ignoring the preliminary injunction by continuing to ship orders from its factory in Poland.

In its judgment of 11th February 2021, The District Court in Świdnica accepted most of Concrete Canvas Technology's evidence and held Eurobent to have violated the preliminary injunction on 18 occasions, ordering it to pay a substantial compulsory sum of PLN 4,500,000 (€1,000,000), a record amount for this type of case in the Polish Courts, to Concrete Canvas Technology Ltd. It was also notable that Eurobent refused to comply with an earlier court order to supply financial and other records. The District Court also found Eurobent's grounds for this further violation of a court order to be without merit. Eurobent appealed this order and the court in the 2nd Instance has rejected Eurobent's appeal on 14 September 2021. The decision is now final and cannot be appealed.

In a separate action Eurobent also lost its challenge to the validity of Concrete Canvas's patent PL/EP 2027319 (the subject of the infringement proceedings) at the Polish Patent Office (PPO). After a third and final hearing the PPO rejected Eurobent's arguments and agreed with the European Patent Office that the invention is both novel and inventive over the existing prior art. The patent's validity has been upheld.

The main patent infringement action against Eurobent continues.

Concrete Canvas wish to reiterate that they will robustly seek to enforce their intellectual property rights where they are being infringed by a manufacturer, distributor or otherwise. Such enforcement will occur at





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a time and in a jurisdiction where Concrete Canvas can best accomplish its objectives. Patents exist to protect and encourage investment in innovation. It is in all of our interests to respect the law, including patent law. Further information on Concrete Canvas Technology's patents and trademarks can be found at https://www.concretecanvas.com/patent-trademark-info/

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#### ABOUT CONCRETE CANVAS

Concrete Canvas Ltd. was incorporated in the UK in 2005, it manufactures three award winning products, Concrete Canvas<sup>®</sup>, Concrete Canvas Shelters<sup>™</sup> and CC Hydro<sup>™</sup>. These products were developed to exploit a unique material technology invented by Peter Brewin (MEng) and Will Crawford (MEng) whilst studying Industrial Design Engineering at Imperial College and the Royal College of Art in London.

Concrete Canvas Ltd's core material technology enables the supply of unique construction solutions that are extremely fast, easy to install and environmentally friendly. The company prides itself on innovation, quality and responsiveness to our customers' needs.

The primary markets for Concrete Canvas Ltd are in the civil infrastructure (road and rail), mining and petrochemical sectors where CC is used for erosion control applications such as channel lining, slope protection and bund lining. The company has grown rapidly since 2005 and has sold its products to over 80 countries around the world.

