



## **Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics Files Patent Infringement Complaint against Checkmate Geosynthetics**

GRAND ISLAND, NY (April 23, 2009) -- To enforce its U.S. patent rights relating to the company's innovative **GlasGrid®** family of fiber glass road reinforcement products, Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics (SGTF) has filed a patent infringement complaint against Checkmate Geosynthetics in United States District Court in Orlando, Florida,

The complaint, filed March 27th, alleges that Checkmate Geosynthetics imports and promotes a product in the United States that infringes on at least one of SGTF's patents. Checkmate's infringing product is sold under the name RoadGrid. SGTF has asked the court to order Checkmate to halt its infringing activity and pay damages for past infringement. SGTF has patent protection through 2012 that covers the installation of GlasGrid products.

"Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics revolutionized the road rehabilitation industry with its innovative GlasGrid family of products," says Phil Harmon, General Manager. "Our GlasGrid line is designed to reinforce asphalt concrete overlays, and help reduce reflective cracking for long-term performance. We have invested a great deal in the research and development of this line of road reinforcement products, and will continue to aggressively defend our patent rights against infringement."

### **About Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics**

Saint-Gobain Technical Fabrics is a division of Saint-Gobain, a global company which specializes in the design, production and distribution of functional materials for the construction, industrial and consumer markets. The company is organized into four business sectors: Packaging, Construction Products, Building Materials Distribution, and Innovative Materials. Established in more than 55 countries, Saint-Gobain is the market leader in each of its core businesses. In 2008, it achieved more than \$64.4 billion in sales with over 200,000 employees.

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