

Etex complements its architectural design capabilities with the acquisition of fibre cement innovator SCALAMID

Etex, the global building material manufacturer and pioneer in lightweight construction, has taken a significant step to further enhance architectural design with the acquisition of SCALAMID, a manufacturer of fibre cement panels featuring cutting-edge digital printing and coating technology. This strategic move offers new possibilities for customers' design and reinforces Etex's commitment to advancing innovation in the lightweight construction industry.

SCALAMID, with its dedicated team based in Sobota, near Poznan in Poland, operates a state-of-the-art fibre cement boards production and finishing line, with potential for expansion. The ground-breaking technology acquired through this deal allows for the printing of designs, images and colours directly onto fibre cement boards, providing new options for architects, designers, and ultimately Etex customers. SCALAMID's fibre cement panels are known for their quality and are widely used for both interior and exterior applications such as façades.



Etex acquired SCALAMID from Pozbruk, a Polish manufacturer of concrete elements such as prefabricated systems, paving stones, fences and garden architecture products with over 35 years of experience.

Bernard Delvaux, CEO of Etex: *"This acquisition is a significant step in Etex's journey to continuously evolve and innovate in the building materials sector. We are excited about the potential it brings for us to grow by reaching new markets through new applications and to better serve our clients with cutting-edge solutions."*

Michael Fenlon, head of the Exteriors division at Etex: *"Joining forces with SCALAMID will further support our capacities for fibre cement boards and that of our EQUITONE product brand with new*

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coated and printed fibre cement boards. Our vision is to offer customers more choices, providing them with the flexibility to meet their specific requirements and customisation needs. The potential for creating truly unique fibre cement designs is now limitless.”

SCALAMID will be led by Robert Sykula, under the leadership of Guido Van Den Berghe, Head of manufacturing for EQUITONE and Cedral at Etex.

Robert Sykula, plant manager at Etex: *“In SCALAMID, Etex has found the perfect partner to further develop our growth. We are looking forward to teaming up with new colleagues and participate to Etex’s growth by leveraging the EQUITONE brand and securing a market leader position in a consolidated competitive environment.”*

As part of the Etex family, SCALAMID will continue to operate under its established brand, serving its current customers and will be integrated into Etex’s strong organisation and European network of fibre cement factories.

Etex already has a significant presence in Poland, where it now operates a total of six sites with close to 500 teammates manufacturing other renowned brands such as EQUITONE, Cedral, Euronit, Promat, Siniat and URSA.

About Etex

Etex is a global building material manufacturer and pioneer in lightweight construction. Etex wants to inspire people around the world to build living spaces that are ever more safe, sustainable, smart and beautiful.

Founded in 1905, headquartered in Zaventem, Belgium, Etex is a family-owned company with more than 13,500 employees globally. It operates more than 160 sites in 45 countries and recorded a revenue of EUR 3.7 billion and a REBITDA of EUR 645 million in 2022. Etex fosters a collaborative and caring culture, a pioneering spirit and a passion to always do better for its customers.

Etex has five R&D centres supporting five global divisions:

- Building Performance: leader in plasterboards and fibre cement boards, and the global reference in fire protection solutions for the residential and commercial segments.
- Exteriors: provider of innovative, durable, high performance and beautiful fibre cement exterior materials for architectural, residential and agricultural projects.
- Industry: front runner of engineering expertise to drive the future of high-performance temperature insulation and fire protection in the industrial, aerospace and energy sectors.
- Insulation: leading European insulation provider of glass mineral wool and extruded polystyrene (XPS) to insulate residential and non-residential buildings.
- New Ways: high-tech, lightweight, factory assembled panel and modular solutions based on timber and steel framing.

Etex’s global portfolio includes leading commercial brands such as Cedral, Durlock, EQUITONE, Eternit, Gyplac, Kalsi, Pladur, Promat, Siniat, Superboard and URSA.

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