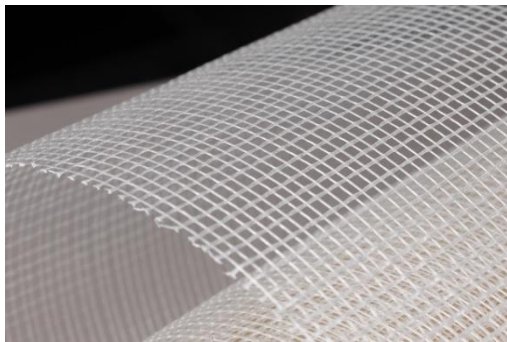


CHOMARAT INVESTS IN A NEW LAID SCRIM MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOP ITS NEXT-GENERATION REINFORCEMENTS

CHOMARAT has specialized in scrim reinforcements for construction materials for more than 50 years. Now, it has invested in a new pilot production line to develop its next generation of reinforcements. Unique in the market and designed entirely by CHOMARAT's teams, this technological innovation was born by the Group's body of technological know-how. Conceived for the development of next generation cement board and roof-waterproofing reinforcements, the machine is versatile for developing materials for new markets. The new line will become operational in early 2019 at CHOMARAT's construction plant in Anderson, South Carolina, USA.

A TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION FOR HIGHER PERFORMANCE



The new pilot line will enable **CHOMARAT to accelerate its development projects** focusing on cost, performance and sustainability. **The Group's goal is to launch a new generation of laid scrim reinforcements for construction materials, with incomparable performance.** *"We are working on all the parameters (technological, chemical formulations, textile fibers) to optimize the performance of CHOMARAT scrims, such as protecting glass against alkali in cement or increasing impact resistance and water repellency. We plan to stay in front of economic and*

environmental challenges facing the construction market," explains Raphaël PLEYNET, Director of Composites & Construction Europe at CHOMARAT.

*"This pilot scrim line is a key element in the Group's global innovation and development strategy. The technological developments achieved on this equipment will enable us to lead through innovation, **meet the challenges to come for construction materials**, and enhance our value to the market"* adds John LEATHAM, Director of Sales and Marketing at CHOMARAT North America.

COMBINING EXPERTISE FROM TEXTILE AND CHEMICAL-FORMULATION TECHNOLOGIES

The scrims designed and developed by CHOMARAT are reputed for their advantages: dimensional stability, laminating quality with other materials (film or veils), excellent mechanical performance, and very good protection against the alkalinity of cement. ***"CHOMARAT's knowhow in laid-scrim manufacturing is based on the combined expertise in textile and chemical-formulation technologies. With this new pilot technology, CHOMARAT will be able to build on these two advantages and propose even better-performing materials!"*** concludes Philippe SANIAL, Director of Research & Technologies at CHOMARAT.

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