

Press release

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INAUGURATION OF THE NEW ROCTOOL LABORATORY THE CAGE SYSTEM® IS NOW AVAILABLE TO INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES

On September 19, 2006, at its headquarters in Le Bourget du Lac (Savoie, France), RocTool will inaugurate a new laboratory with 2 Pilot Lines (Platforms) dedicated to testing the Cage System® technology.

The laboratory is composed of 2 Platforms that are capable of fabricating a limitless amount of parts: a large platform for parts reaching 1.2 m² in size and a small one for parts measuring 500x500mm.

As Alexandre Guichard, RocTool President, describes, "Before the acquisition of a licence, the company wishes to test the credibility of the technology. This is why we have invested in the 2 Platforms. The prototype parts are manufactured with our technology; this way, we can demonstrate the advantages of the **Cage System®** to the potential client. We are already working with several partners from all over the world, notably Japan, the United States, and several countries in Europe."

The Cage System®, with its rapid time cycle, responds to the new needs of the composite industry, in particular the molding processes that are still very long. "For the last three months, we have made several molding parts prototypes with of different sizes and shapes as well as of different materials (glass, carbon, thermosets and thermoplastics)," adds Matt Boulanger, Business Development Manager.

FOR THE FIRST TIME: THERMOPLASTIC CAR BONNET FABRICATED IN ONLY FOUR MINUTES

With the inauguration of the new laboratory comes another exciting discovery: using the Cage System®, only 4 minutes are needed to produce a car bonnet measuring close to 1m².

Three major companies and partners of RocTool, Krauss Maffei (Germany), Azdel (USA) and Royal Lankhorst Euronete Group (The Netherlands) are already convinced of the assets that the Cage System® brings and have confirmed the contribution of this new technology in their industry.

"From an industry standpoint, where the reduction of costs is always an important objective, RocTool, thanks to the increase in productivity achieved with the Cage System®, finally gives an answer to the industry," emphasizes Alexandre Guichard.

Supported since its creation in 2000 by its private and institutional shareholders, RocTool develops innovative processes and sells licences for the use of its patents. The company is currently made up of 15 employees. It is situated in Savoie Technolac, Bourget du Lac (France) and also has an office in Atlanta (USA). RocTool has twice been awarded the JEC Composite Award, once in 2001 and again in 2005.

¹ Speeches will be available on RocTool website

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