

Press release

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***SPORT AND SAFETY SHOES :  
ROCTOOL GRANTS TO NOVATION  
AN EXCLUSIVE LICENCE OF THE CAGE SYSTEM®***

***ROCTOOL ANNOUNCES A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE CAGE SYSTEM®***

One year after the creation of the Cage System®, (revolutionary, ultra quick composite transformation process using inductive heating), RocTool announces the signing of a new accord with Novation (formally Bauer- Italia), one of the leading manufacturers of sport shoes (soccer, cycling, ice hockey, ski...) and sports accessories made with composites. Thus, RocTool grants an exclusive five year license of its Cage System® to Novation for the fabrication of composite shoe soles inserts and supports for the sport and safety shoe markets.

*“The Cage System® is a very promising technology for the mass production of composite pieces due to the reduction of production time (cycle time/minute). The technology will allow us to broaden our selection of sport shoes and accessories, as well as developing the safety shoe market,”* says Leo Sartor, general manager of Novation.

***A PROCESS THAT REVOLUTIONIZES THE SPORT AND SAFETY SHOE MARKETS.***

This agreement illustrates the synergies that exist between composites and the universe of sports and safety. In fact, composite materials lend a greater resistance and lightness, as well as an increased durability, shape memory and shock absorption to sport and safety shoes. *“After our connections with material manufacturers, this is our first agreement with a transformer, who is one of the leading manufacturers in its market. Our agreements extend to all actors in the composite market from now on,”* emphasizes Alex Guichard, RocTool CEO. *“Considering our results and different contacts, the Cage System® should become a reference in the composite industry within the next three to five years,”* says Alex Guichard.

Supported by private and institutional shareholders since its creation in the year 2000, RocTool has chosen to invest 70% of its budget in R&D in order to reinforce its know-how and its patents in the composite sector. The company of fifteen, situated at the Bourget du Lac in France, also has an office in Atlanta, Georgia (USA) and has just achieved its first profits at the beginning of this year. After having been winners at the 2001 JEC Composites Awards, RocTool was awarded once again in the 2005 JEC Composites Awards industry category for its intelligent anti-intrusion shell.

*For further information : [www.roctool.com](http://www.roctool.com)*

*Information available from Apocope:*

- Visuals of the Cage System process*
- Composite shoe soles visuals*
- Portrait of Alex Guichard, RocTool CEO*
- Portrait of Leo Sartor, Novation CEO*

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