

ABC GROUP ACQUIRES A LICENSE OF ROCTOOL TECHNOLOGIES FOR AUTOMOTIVE APPLICATIONS

RocTool, specialist in the design and development of technologies for rapid molding of composites and plastic injection has just signed a license agreement for automotive applications with **ABC Group Inc.**, a world leader in the Design, Development and Production of plastic automotive systems and components for OEM's worldwide.

Increased performances for ABC Group's OEM customers

RocTool technologies offer high-speed heating capabilities and are applicable to injection and compression tooling. ABC Group is now working to identify innovative applications for the RocTool technology in order to propose unique features and cost-effective solutions to its OEM customers. As a Tier 1 provider, ABC Group is focusing on light weighting, **surface appearance, cost reduction and product performance**. *"The induction heating technique developed by RocTool goes beyond the ability to quickly heat the mold; it is a way to achieve new manufacturing methods, develop cost effective material solutions and extend design possibilities for many applications"* says David BOUCARD, Director of Advanced Product Development at ABC Group. ABC Group has already invested in several development molds that integrate the RocTool induction technology. *"With this new license agreement and the proven capabilities of the RocTool induction heating technology, ABC Group will be able to offer new design and production capabilities to our OEM customers"*, David BOUCARD continues.

An expanded scope of applications for RocTool Heat & Cool technologies

"One of our main targets is to apply RocTool tooling technology for interior and exterior automotive applications as it is already used in production in Europe; we look forward to working with ABC Group on such products in North America" says Matt BOULANGER, President of RocTool Incorporated. RocTool induction technology is already used in production on multiple applications, such as automotive interior cosmetic applications, consumer products and consumer electronic applications. With this new license with ABC Group, the scope of applications of RocTool latest Heat & Cool technologies is expanded to interior and exterior automotive applications in North America.

About RocTool

Created in 2000, RocTool revolutionizes fast molding processes for composites, plastic injection and very soon metal. The processes developed by RocTool are used by major brands in innovative industries: Consumer Electronics (Motorola, Flextronics), Automotive (Mini Cooper, Volvo cars), Sports & Leisure... They hold many advantages including reduced cycle times, enhanced quality of parts produced, therefore resulting in an overall cost reduction of the produced parts for manufacturers. Constructed around an ecosystem, which includes suppliers of: software, machine manufacturers, mold makers and resin providers, the industrial strategy *RocTool Ready* a "plug and play" concept within an all-inclusive package (study, license, material and installation), making RocTool process accessible to both major companies and SME's.

RocTool is listed on Alternext in Paris. Their headquarters and R&D center are situated at Savoie Technolac, Le Bourget du Lac (France). The company also opened three subsidiaries in the USA, Germany and Taiwan and boasts test & demonstration platforms in Germany, Japan and Italy.

For more information: www.roctool.com

About ABC Group

ABC Group: A fully Integrated Automotive Global Supplier

ABC Group Inc. is one of North America's top Tier 1 automotive parts suppliers. An award-winning international success story, ABC Group began in 1974 with a single manufacturing facility in Canada and has grown to become a global manufacturing enterprise. With over 5,000 employees and 25 manufacturing facilities in Canada, the United States, Mexico, Brazil, Spain, Poland & China and technical sales centers in Japan and Germany.

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