

THERMOPAL GmbH Commercial Development Set for Panels

The OCV™ Non-Woven Technologies business has signed an agreement with Thermopal GmbH for the commercial development of high-pressure laminate (HPL) for fire-classified interior panels. A member of the Pfleiderer group, Thermopal is a leading supplier of high-pressure laminate for the interior panel market in Europe.

“Thermopal developed the first commercially available HPL material to achieve the long-sought-after A2 European norm SBI fire test classification,” said Russell Evans, market manager of the OCV Non-Woven Technologies specialties business. “The panels use innovative ‘ready to press’ impregnated glass technology from Owens Corning.”

Robert Huusken, OCV Non-Woven Technologies Science and Technology, Apeldoorn, Netherlands, led the impregnated glass development. Thermopal will source all non-woven glass needs from OCV Non-Woven Technologies.

The exclusive contract allows Thermopal to be the first company to launch the product in the market. It will officially be launched in January at the Bau 2009 building trade fair in Munich, Germany.

“The OCV Non-Woven Technologies science and technology and sales teams worked hard to achieve a unique solution which offers performance and fire-resistance properties to meet the market’s need,” said Etienne Chevallier, sales and marketing leader of the OCV Non-Woven Technologies specialties business. “This is the first-ever product where aesthetics and safety are combined - enabling the transformation

of the commercial panel and furniture markets.”

“This partnership brings the leading supplier of impregnated ‘ready-to-press’ glass non-woven materials and a leading laminate manufacturer together,” added Suman Raha, business manager for the OCV Non-Woven Technologies specialties business. “This is clearly aligned with the purpose of our business to leverage our processes, products and know-how and provide value to our customers.”

Leaders signed the agreement at the Thermopal headquarters in Leutkrich, Germany, the location where the fire-performance product range, named Fireprotect, will be manufactured.

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Aesthetics and safety are combined in Thermopal high-pressure laminates.



Suman Raha, general manager, OCV Non-Woven Technologies' specialties business, and Frank Fissel, general manager, Thermopal GmbH.

