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European association, EuroWindow, established

A new European association, EuroWindow AISBL, representing the interests of the European window, door and facade industry has been founded.

On 10th August 2015 EuroWindow AISBL received official accreditation by Royal Decree in Belgium and is now a fully formalised and legally operating association.

EuroWindow's mission is to address EU institutions on key issues related to windows, doors and facades. The ten national associations representing manufacturers and one European Company making up the founders of the new association represent European window, door and facade manufacturers. The companies behind the associations have sales activities all over Europe, and are prominent in the market, interacting with dealers, installers and consumers buying windows and doors.

"Establishing a single independent building materials association, thereby bundling interests, with an efficient structure means that we can effectively represent the window, door and facade industry in Europe," explains Joachim Oberrauch, President of EuroWindow AISBL.

The VELUX Group represents the Danish Tree and Furniture Industry (TMI) in the association. Helle Carlsen, Public Affairs Manager of the VELUX Group, has been appointed Vice President of EuroWindow, and is therefore part of the Executive Board.

"I am very pleased of the election as Vice-President, and I am looking forward to support the important work with establishing a strong voice within the EU on behalf of the European window, door and facade industry," says Helle Carlsen Nielsen.

EU energy labelling position – questioning the added value for consumers and business

EuroWindow has – as one of its first tasks – agreed on a position on "EU energy labelling of windows". The industry is questioning the added value for consumers and business of such label, and highlights that it will very likely create double regulation and will not be in line with better regulation. For more information see www.eurowindow.eu

Fact box:

The founding members of EuroWindow AISBL

AISBL stands for „Association internationale sans but lucratif“ – Association Without Lucrative Purpose – an international non-profit association.

- Associazione Nazionale per la tutela della Finestra made in Italy (ANFIT), Padua, Italy
- Nederlandse Branchevereniging voor de Timmerindustrie (NBvT), Bussum, Netherlands
- Norsk Trevare, Oslo, Norway
- profine GmbH, Troisdorf, Germany
- RT Confederation of Finnish Construction Industries, Helsinki, Finland
- Schweizerische Zentralstelle für Fenster- und Fassadenbau (SZFF), Dietikon, Switzerland
- Swedish Federation of Wood and Furniture Industry (TMF), Stockholm, Sweden

- Træ- og Møbelindustrien (TMI), Copenhagen, Denmark
- Union des Fabricants de Menuiseries Extérieures (UFME), Courbevoie, France
- Verband Fenster + Fassade (VFF), Frankfurt a. M., Germany
- VinduesIndustrien, Århus, Denmark

Two new members (BF Bundesverband Flachglas from Troisdorf, Germany and VKG Vereniging Kunststof Gevelelementenindustrie from Nieuwegein, Netherlands) were admitted 1/7 2015 and more associations are expected to come.

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