



PRESS RELEASE

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## ICADE PROMOTION AND STO FRANCE OBTAIN THE FIRST-EVER ATEX APPROVAL FOR THE WIDE-SCALE USE OF TIMBER-FRAME FAÇADES IN FRANCE

**At the end of February 2023, Icade Promotion and Sto France obtained ATEX approval (Technical Experimentation Assessment) valid on more than one worksite<sup>1</sup> for an ETICS<sup>2</sup> on non-load bearing timber-frame façades<sup>3</sup>. This ATEX is in addition to the one received in 2021 for an ETICS on load-bearing timber-<sup>4</sup> and/or CLT<sup>5</sup>-frame buildings.**

Advised by the Innovation INGENECO Technologies consultancy, this French first was made possible thanks to the know-how of Sto France's and Icade Promotion's building experts as well as the Scientific and Technical Centre for Building (CSTB), the FCBA Technological Institute (supporting the forest, pulp, timber and furniture sectors) and commission members.

David Bruchon, National Technical & CSR Director at Icade Promotion, explained: *"These two ATEX approvals are the result of a collaborative approach to concurrent engineering developed by Icade Promotion with its various industrial partners such as Sto France. These low-carbon solutions will benefit the entire industry with a view to their wide-scale application and production cost control."*

Jean-Philippe Ndobu, Technical Director at Sto France, added: *"These solutions, which combine durability, thermal performance and fire safety, make it possible to meet the high expectations of the market with regard to exterior insulation with a finishing coat for timber construction."*

Eric Dibling, founder and CEO of INGENECO Technologies as well as founder and coordinator of Club des Industriels<sup>6</sup>, emphasized that *"like the first one, this second solution will be added to the list of solutions regularly updated by this Club for the timber industry."*

These two ATEX are available at <https://evaluation.cstb.fr/en/search/> under Nos. 2948\_V1 and 3022\_V1 respectively.

<sup>1</sup> Type A ATEX

<sup>2</sup> External Thermal Insulation Composite System

<sup>3</sup> Under NF DTU 31.4 for buildings where the floor of the top storey is no higher than 28 metres.

<sup>4</sup> Under NF DTU 31.2 for buildings where the floor of the top storey is no higher than 28 metres.

<sup>5</sup> CLT: cross-laminated timber

<sup>6</sup> Club des Industriels: launched in 2019 in connection with the innovative ADIVbois and France Bois 2024 projects funded by CODIFAB and France Bois Forêt.

## ABOUT ICADE

### DESIRABLE PLACES TO LIVE

*As an office and healthcare property investment company (portfolio worth €15.1bn on a full consolidation basis as of 12/31/2022) and a developer of homes, offices and public amenities (2022 economic revenue of €1.3bn), Icade designs, builds, manages and invests in cities, neighbourhoods and buildings that are innovative, diverse, inclusive and connected, with a reduced carbon footprint. Desirable places to live and work. In collaboration with its stakeholders, Icade has made low carbon a strategic priority in order to reinvent real estate and create cities that are healthier, happier and more hospitable. Icade is a key player in Greater Paris and major French cities. It is listed as a "SIIC" on Euronext Paris and its leading shareholder is the Caisse des Dépôts group.*

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## ABOUT STO

*Founded in 1835, Sto is a German-based and family-owned company. It is recognised throughout the world as a specialist in thermal insulation systems for façades. Façade coatings were the very first products it launched. Sto has become the market leader thanks to its innovative spirit and expertise in façade thermal insulation. Sto has acquired this expertise over time allowing it to cover all aspects related to façades, including external thermal insulation, restoration and cladding. Its mission: Building with conscience. Sto's products and systems meet energy efficiency requirements. Prevention-related technology aligns environmental and economic criteria in order to build and renovate sustainably. With 5,000 employees worldwide, including 300 in France, Sto exclusively sells its products via a direct distribution network comprised of 16 sales offices and 2 production sites in France. Sto's solutions can be used for either new-build or renovation projects that are safe for both people and the environment. Our authority is widely recognised by clients in the public, private and social sectors as well as by contractors.*

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## About INGENECO Technologies

### Making innovation sustainable

*INGENECO Technologies has promoted sustainable innovation for about 20 years by sharing its knowledge with all the participants in the construction value chain. In terms of disruptive and incremental innovation, INGENECO Technologies is among the highest-rated engineering consultancies in its category. INGENECO Technologies' highly specialised expertise is recognised by many scientific centres (CSTB, etc.), the Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Innovation (as an Approved Private-Sector Research Entity eligible for CIR funds), etc. Through its efforts, it assists a wide range of decision-makers in ramping up the low-carbon transition that is currently underway in the construction sector.*

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