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## **Guardian Glass to construct second float and coated glass plant in Poland**

**Bertrange, Luxembourg, August 7, 2017** – Guardian Industries has approved the investment for an additional float and coated glass manufacturing plant in Czestochowa, Poland, to meet the growing demand for float, coated and fabricated glass products across Europe.

The new facility location is planned to be adjacent to the company's existing plant, with preparation and execution of the project starting immediately. The facility is expected to begin operations in the third quarter of 2019, and will create more than 150 new jobs. It will pull 1,000 metric tons of glass per day and will include a technologically advanced glass coater.

Guardian Glass President and CEO Kevin Baird says: "The new facility will be the biggest green field capital investment in Guardian Glass' history and will further position us as a leading producer of high performance, safety and energy-efficient glass products for European residential and commercial buildings." He adds: "Guardian is excited about the growth we've seen in Poland -- and confident that the Czestochowa location is well positioned to meet our customer's needs. We've enjoyed strong support from the city of Czestochowa, the Katowice Special Economic Zone and the Polish government."

Further evidence of the company's commitment to Poland, Guardian Glass' existing float line in Czestochowa will go through a repair project at the start of 2018 that will increase its production capacity.

"We look forward to continued growth in Poland and neighboring countries. The co-location of the two plants will create a competitive and efficient structure to deliver a wide range of glass products and will contribute to generate long-term value for our customers in the region," says Guus Boekhoudt, Vice President of Guardian Glass in Europe.

In addition to the Czestochowa plant, Guardian Glass operates facilities in Oroshaza, Hungary; Thalheim, Germany; and Ryazan and Rostov, Russia, among its 10 European float plant locations.

### **About Guardian Glass**

Guardian Glass, a major business unit of Guardian Industries, is one of the world's largest manufacturers of float, coated and fabricated glass products. At its 25 float plants around the globe, Guardian Glass produces high performance glass for use in exterior (both commercial and residential) and interior architectural applications, as well as transportation and technical products. Guardian glass can be found in homes, offices, cars and some of the world's most iconic architectural landmarks. The Guardian Glass Science & Technology Center continuously works to create new glass products and solutions using the most advanced technology to help customers *see what's possible*<sup>™</sup>. Visit [guardianglass.com](http://guardianglass.com).

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Based in Auburn Hills, Michigan, Guardian Industries is a diversified, global company with a vision to create value for customers and society through constant innovation using fewer resources. Guardian, its subsidiaries and affiliates employ 17,000 people and operate facilities throughout North America, Europe, South America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Guardian Glass is a leading international manufacturer of float, value-added coated, and fabricated glass products and solutions for architectural, residential, interior, transportation and technical glass applications. SRG Global is one of the world's largest manufacturers of advanced, high value coatings on plastics for the automotive and commercial truck industries, providing solutions for greater surface durability, structural integrity, functionality, vehicle efficiency and design flexibility. Guardian Building Products is a leading U.S. based distributor of specialty building products. For more information, visit [www.guardian.com](http://www.guardian.com).



Guardian Glass' new float and coated glass plant is planned to be located adjacent to the company's existing plant in Czestochowa, Poland.  
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