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## **Guardian Glass invests in upgrade and modernisation of glass production lines in the UK and Hungary**

**Bertrange, Luxembourg, September 11, 2019** – To support the increasing demand for float, coated and laminated glass in Europe, Guardian Glass is investing in the modernisation and upgrade of float glass lines at two of its European production plants.

The float glass production line in Goole, UK, will be upgraded and modernised as the existing furnace nears the end of its lifecycle. The upgrade is expected to be performed in the beginning of 2021. The new float glass furnace is planned to have a nominal melting capacity of 825 metric tonnes per day – an increase of 20% compared to the existing furnace. Due to an optimised design, the furnace energy efficiency as well as the environmental performance of the new line are expected to improve on a per tonne basis. The new float glass line in Goole will continue to service customers in the UK and Ireland, providing them with a wide range of float, coated and laminated glass products.

Guardian Glass is also investing in its production plant in Oroshaza, Hungary. The existing float glass furnace will be repaired in the second half of 2020. This project, together with the two existing Guardian Glass production plants in Częstochowa, Poland – one float glass line was recently repaired and upgraded and a second one is currently under construction – will ensure that the company continues to support the increased demand for float, coated and laminated glass products for customers in Eastern Europe.

Guus Boekhoudt, Vice President of Guardian Glass Europe, Russia and Asia & Managing Director, Guardian Europe commented: “By investing in our production plants in the UK and Hungary, we are demonstrating our commitment to the continuous improvement of our glass products and services for our customers. Glass demand is continuing to grow in Europe and these investments will ensure the supply to our customers, essential to developing and maintaining our strong partnerships.”

## **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).

## **Guardian Industries**

Guardian Industries, a global company headquartered in Auburn Hills, Michigan, operates facilities throughout North and South America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Guardian companies employ 18,000 people and manufacture high-performance float glass; coated and fabricated glass products for architectural, residential, interior, transportation and technical glass applications; and high-quality chrome-plated and painted plastic components for the automotive and commercial truck industries. Guardian's vision is to be a preferred partner to our customers, suppliers, employees and communities based on a foundation of mutual benefit. This drives our relentless focus on improving people's lives by providing products and services they value more highly than their alternatives and doing so responsibly while consuming fewer resources. Guardian is a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. Visit [guardian.com](http://guardian.com).



Guardian Glass invests in upgrade and modernisation of glass production lines in the UK and Hungary. Aerial view of Guardian Glass plant, Goole, United Kingdom. (Photo Guardian Glass, LLC, GRDPR173)



Guardian Glass invests in upgrade and modernisation of glass production lines in the UK and Hungary. Guardian Glass float production line, Oroshaza, Hungary.  
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