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### **Brussels, 14 July 2023 – European Union Extends Anti-Dumping Measures on Glass Fibre Reinforcements from China for Five Years; Glass Fibre Europe (GFE) Welcomes the Move**

The European Union has announced the extension of anti-dumping measures in place for glass fibre reinforcements originating from China for a further five years. Glass Fibre Europe (GFE) welcomes this decisive step, which is considered essential for the survival of the European industry.

Over the last decade, the European market has been flooded with subsidised glass fibre products from Chinese producers, both originating from China and newly established facilities outside China. The latter started glass fibre production after the first European trade defence measures entered into force - specifically to access the Union market without paying the duties on imports from China. Alarming, Chinese overcapacity is currently twice the total European market demand for glass fibre reinforcements, posing a major challenge to European industry.

Speaking on behalf of Glass Fibre Europe, Cédric Janssens, Secretary General, expressed his appreciation for the EU's decision, stating, *"The extension of the anti-dumping measures on glass fibre reinforcements from China sends a strong message: the European Union is committed to preserving fair trade practices and protecting the interests of its domestic industries. These and new measures are necessary to protect the European glass fibre sector, to ensure its viability and to enable it to play a vital role in the strategic value chains that are essential for achieving Europe's net-zero, REPowerEU and resilience objectives."*

While the extension of these measures is a significant milestone, Glass Fibre Europe emphasizes that further action will be needed in the future to fully restore a level playing field with Chinese companies. The association and its members are united in their support for the EU's commitment to fair trade practices and will continue to work closely with policy makers and other stakeholders to ensure the long-term viability and sustainable growth of the European glass fibre industry value chain.

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#### ***About Glass Fibre Europe – EU Transparency Register n°635608817518-09.***

*Glass Fibre Europe, founded in 1987, is the voice of the European continuous filament glass fibre industry. It is composed of 8 companies: 3B the fibreglass company, Envalior, FYSOL SAS, Johns Manville, Nippon Electric Glass, Owens Corning, Valmiera Glass, and Saint-Gobain Vetrotex. Glass Fibre Europe represents all the major producers of continuous filament glass fibre in Europe.*

*The continuous filament glass fibre industry is the cornerstone of the glass-based composite materials and technical textiles value-chains. Glass fibre's unique properties enable the production of wind energy, electric and electronic devices, and the development of sustainable solutions in a wide range of applications, such as transport and construction.*

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