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Bondor announces \$20 million dollar investment

Bondor / Metecno has today announced a \$20 million dollar investment in a state-of-the-art production facility in Campbellfield Melbourne, which is due to open later this year.

The establishment of this 20,000 square meter factory is a significant gain for the Australian manufacturing industry. It comes at a time when other manufacturers are closing down or relocating off shore resulting in a steady reduction in locally made products.

Bondor / Metecno's General Manager, Geoff Marsdon said the factory is an important addition to the company's existing facilities around Australia. It will facilitate a significant increase in manufacturing capacity and allow the Metecno product range to be manufactured closer to the important markets in southern Australia.

"We are pleased to invest in this project. Not only will it allow us to enhance our service and product offering to our customers, but it also demonstrates our commitment to the future of Australia's manufacturing industry and the Australian economy," said Geoff.

"The factory will primarily produce Polyisocyanurate (PIR) lightweight, thermally efficient, fire-retardant products."

Construction of the facility, which has been undertaken by local builders Corplex Pty Ltd, is almost complete. Both the builders and JJ Roofing (installers of the roof panels) are very happy with the speed of build. Bondor / Metecno is utilising its own building products MetecnoSpan® (a PIR insulated roofing panel with fire-retardant core) and MetecnoInspire® (an insulated architectural facade system with fire-retardant core).

Salvatore Falleti, Project and Site Manager at Corplex Pty Ltd said Bondor / Metecno's insulated building products have been easy to use.

"This is the first time I've used Bondor / Metecno's products, they are of a very good quality and I have been surprised at how easy they are to install. It has made the build process much easier and meant that the factory has gone up very quickly," said Salvatore.

Geoff explains why insulated panel roofing systems, such as the products used on this factory, are becoming an Australian standard.

"This trend has been driven by energy efficiency, installer safety and a better understanding of the relationship between employee comfort and the quality of their work output. Because of this we are seeing many clients choosing insulated roof panel systems," said Geoff.

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Bondor / Metecno has the largest range of insulated roofing products in Australasia and is experienced in supplying materials for many large-scale commercial projects, supplying everything from roofing to architectural facades. Bondor / Metecno is currently supplying MetecnoInspire® for the \$200 million Narellan Town Centre redevelopment in NSW.

A video showcasing the factory build, specifically the roofing process, can be found on Bondor's website at www.bondor.com.au

About Bondor

Bondor is Australia's leading manufacturer of insulated building panels. Founded in the 1950s, Bondor is constantly working on solutions for industrial, commercial and residential building customers across Australia and offers the most comprehensive range of insulated panel products and systems available.

Having operated in the industry for 65 years, Bondor takes pride in being an Australian manufacturer.

The company's products have been approved and tested to Australian standards, while adhering to the strictest international regulations.

Bondor has technical and support associations with several international building product suppliers, universities and research facilities in Australia and remains up-todate with industry trends and regulations through its involvement with the Insulated Panel Council of Australasia and the FM Approvals International Advisory Council.

Further to this, associations include Bluescope Steel, Dulux, Branz, and the Queensland University of Technology.

Bondor is also a supporting corporate partner of the Australian Institute of Architects, strengthening its ties to Australia's design community. These relationships assist Bondor in remaining at the cutting edge of trends in product development and to retain its industry leader status in construction techniques.

For more information about Bondor, go to www.bondor.com.au

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