



MEDIA RELEASE

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Knauf Group purchases Lafarge Australia plasterboard business

On 5 August, the Knauf Group completed the purchase of Lafarge's plasterboard business in Australia. The Australian Gypsum operation was purchased for net proceeds of 120 million Euros.

The new company name is *Knauf Plasterboard Pty Ltd.*

Knauf is one of the leading plasterboard manufacturers in the world producing more than 1 billion square metres of plasterboard per year.

This acquisition is part of the Knauf Group's strategy for the Asia Pacific region. The group recognises potential in this region and it will make further investments in various countries of this region in the near future.

In Australia, Knauf will provide plasterboard, compounds, cornice and associated products to the Australian building industry through its national distribution network - PlastaMasta stores.

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Knauf Plasterboard Pty Ltd. supplies plasterboard, compounds, cornice and associated products to the building industry in Australia. Knauf also offers a comprehensive range of partition, wall lining and ceiling solutions for both new and refurbishment projects in the residential and commercial building markets.