



## PRESS RELEASE

## RESPONSE TO GNA RE: CHINESE COPIES

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It has come to our attention that a number of Chinese companies are marketing copies of Concrete Canvas® that infringe the claims of our granted patents. In many cases these companies are also engaging in passing off and illegally using our trade marks. We have obtained samples of some of these copies and it is apparent that there is a significant difference between the performance data being published by the manufacturers and that measured by our lab using the samples obtained. The performance measured in all the samples so far tested was at a level that in our opinion would be very likely to result in an in-service failure within weeks or months. All of the samples from Chinese manufacturers tested to date by our lab would have failed our internal QC processes on multiple counts.

We would therefore strongly encourage anyone considering using, specifying or distributing these materials to:

- 1) obtain their own independent material test data to ensure they are completely confident it is fit for the intended purpose and
- 2) obtain independent legal advice on the legal risks they and their clients will be exposed to.

A list of the patents and trade marks owned by Concrete Canvas Technology Ltd. can be obtained from: https://www.concretecanvas.com/patent-trademark-info.

Concrete Canvas wish to reiterate that they will robustly seek to enforce their intellectual property rights where they are being infringed by a manufacturer, distributor or otherwise. Patents exist to protect and encourage investment in innovation. It is in all of our interests to respect the law, including patent law.

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## **ABOUT CONCRETE CANVAS**

Concrete Canvas Ltd. was incorporated in the UK in 2005, it manufactures three award winning products, Concrete Canvas®, Concrete Canvas Shelters™ and CC Hydro™. These products were developed to exploit a unique material technology invented by Peter Brewin (MEng) and Will Crawford (MEng) whilst studying Industrial Design Engineering at Imperial College and the Royal College of Art in London.

Concrete Canvas Ltd's core material technology enables the supply of unique construction solutions that are extremely fast, easy to install and environmentally friendly. The company prides itself on innovation, quality and responsiveness to our customers' needs.

The primary markets for Concrete Canvas Ltd are in the civil infrastructure (road and rail), mining and petrochemical sectors where CC is used for erosion control applications such as channel lining, slope protection and bund lining. The company has grown rapidly since 2005 and has sold its products to over 80 countries around the world.





