

## **Ecocem to provide ultra-low carbon cement for construction of Athletes' Village and Grand Paris Express in firsts for France**

**00:01 9 November GMT** – Europe's leading provider of low carbon solutions for the cement and construction industries, Ecocem, is set to provide its new *ultra*-low carbon cement to two major Paris projects – the Athletes' Village for summer 2024 and the Grand Paris Express.

The technology – Ecocem Ultra – is an alternative to traditional cement and will significantly reduce the CO2 footprint of both projects.



For summer 2024, organisers are aiming to halve the emissions arising in relation to the Games. Ecocem Ultra is to be used in the construction of the Athletes' Village, which will be transformed into offices and residential housing, known as the "Universeine Eco-District", after the summer. Ecocem's work has already begun on the site.

The new technology, which was developed by Ecocem in partnership with Vinci, one of the largest civil engineering and construction companies in the world, was used on Vinci's new headquarters in Nanterre, Paris. Its use at the scale of the Athletes' Village will be a first for France.

Separately, Ecocem Ultra will be used on a pilot site of the Grand Paris Express – the largest transport project in Europe. This development marks the first use of ultra-low carbon cement in a tunnel in Europe, and it is hoped that the industrial-sized trial will demonstrate the possibility and benefits of using more environmentally friendly materials in tunnels more widely going forward.

Ecocem has always been a first mover. For more than 20 years, the company has led the development of technology that reduces the carbon footprint of the traditional cement manufacturing process by half. Its pipeline of technology continues to be industry leading, and the company was recently backed by Breakthrough Energy Ventures, a coalition of private investors led by Bill Gates, supporting innovations that will lead the world to net zero emissions.

**Conor O'Riain, Group Managing Director of Ecocem, said:** "Ecocem is committed to the deep and rapid decarbonisation of the global cement industry and providing ultra-low carbon cement for the Athletes' Village and Grand Paris Express is the latest development in our mission to roll our technology out around the world.

"We are delighted to be working with our long-term partner Vinci on these two landmark projects, and we look forward to being a part what is expected to be the first climate-positive Games."

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**About Ecocem:**

Ecocem is a pioneer of high-performance technology that significantly reduces CO2 emissions in the cement and construction industries. Its technology reduces the carbon footprint of the traditional cement manufacturing process by half.

For more than 20 years, Ecocem has been developing, manufacturing, and supplying low carbon cement and construction solutions. It provides the lowest carbon cement ever used in Europe at scale, reducing the CO2 footprint by over a factor of eight.

From Le Grand Paris to Dublin's Aviva Stadium, and the UK's high-speed railway HS2, Ecocem has achieved a cumulative reduction in CO2 emissions of almost 14 million tonnes, equivalent to taking more than three million cars off the road.

An independent company with a world-class innovation centre and four manufacturing facilities across Europe, Ecocem's technology, products, and services can help the cement industry cost-effectively decarbonise by 50 per cent by 2030 – and ultimately, build a more sustainable future for all.

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