



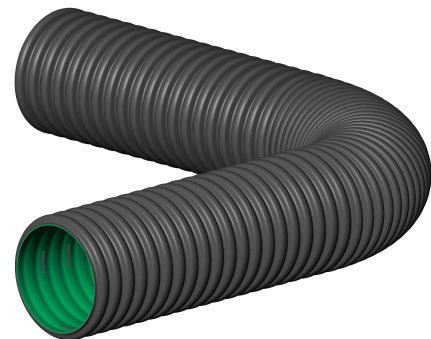
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THE NEW SOLIFLEX® FLEXIBLE CORRUGATED DRAIN WITH SMOOTH INTERIOR WALL IS IN THE RUNNING FOR THE AQMAT 2017 INNOVATION AWARD

Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, December 5, 2017 - On November 22nd, the *Association québécoise de la quincaillerie et des matériaux de construction* (AQMAT) unveiled the ten products nominated for its 2017 Innovation Award. Launched in November 2016, the new SoliFlex® flexible corrugated drain with smooth interior wall is nominated for this coveted award that honours an invention, solution or procedure that adds value to the users of its products or services.

The selection criteria that were considered by the AQMAT jury members for the 10 nominated products were: its innovative character, marketing, made-in-Quebec design and manufacturing from a factory located in Quebec, as well as sales potential.

In the week of December 11th, all 850 AQMAT-affiliated merchants, mainly hardware stores and renovation centres, will be asked to express their preferences. From this popular vote, three products will be selected as finalists and the winner will be announced at the AQMAT Recognition Gala to be held on March 3, 2018 in Quebec City.



SoliFlex® drain

A first in North America, the SoliFlex® drain is 25% more efficient than traditional corrugated drains. Thanks to its corrugated exterior wall and smooth interior wall, this drain maintains the flexibility of corrugated drains and provides the evacuation speed of a rigid pipe. By its flexibility, it requires fewer connections than rigid pipes and minimizes sediment accumulation, while greatly facilitating cleaning. Certified to BNQ 3624-115, the SoliFlex® now represents the best solution for foundation and basement drainage. Made from high-density polyethylene and available with or without perforations, whether it's filtered or not, the SoliFlex® is used in various applications: trench drain, foundation and basement drainage, agricultural subsurface drainage, turf and recreation drainage and drainage collector and outlet.

About Soleno

Leader in providing solutions for the control and management of storm water, Soleno manufactures and distributes a wide range of products for the collecting, conveying, treating and storage of storm water for the industrial, commercial, residential, infrastructure, natural resources and agricultural development sectors. Most Soleno products are made of high density polyethylene (HDPE), a lightweight and strong material with a service life that can exceed 100 years. Manufacturing of these products is done in our Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu plant, in Quebec. Soleno employs about 300 workers. In September 2013, Soleno became the majority partner of one of the RCM Group's factories, located in Yamachiche.

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