

**PRESS RELEASE**

**FAYAT triumphs at the Intermat 2012 *Innovation Awards***

***The judging panel awarded SECMAIR a Silver Medal for its SWIFT pothole repair machine, whilst the FAYAT Group's Road Building Equipment Division was nominated for each of the four products that were competing.***

Following the Press Presentation held during the Pre-Intermat 2012 event at the Carrousel du Louvre in Paris on 12 and 13 January 2012, a panel of international experts examined each of the 80 competing submissions.

The four products presented by FAYAT were nominated. The judging panel singled out the SECMAIR team in particular for its SWIFT road maintenance machine.

Two key concerns were responsible for the development of this product:

1. The ever-increasing number of potholes in mature countries, which is becoming a real safety problem. The reasons for this increase are twofold: firstly, two harsh winters in succession and secondly, the decentralisation of maintenance credits and the resulting financial problem.
2. Vacancies in the traditionally arduous jobs associated with the public works sector remain unfilled and there are high rates of occupational diseases, including musculoskeletal disorders. It had become urgent to raise the status of manual work by offering comfortable and properly designed tools.

**The SWIFT (as its name implies) is a fast and safe intervention solution which performs economical and long-lasting work in an ergonomic environment.**

*N.B.* The first two machines have been shipped to Kurdistan. A validation programme in the context of road building innovation is currently underway in France.





The Road Building Equipment Division also presented 3 other products which were nominated:

- **The BOMAG BM 600**, an ergonomic urban planer
- **The ERMONT COMPACT**, a multipurpose continuous-mix asphalt plant
- **The PTC TILTEX SWIVELLING CLAMP**, which facilitates the handling of sheet piles, makes it safer and improves vibrodriving productivity.

**About the FAYAT Group**

Present in over 100 countries and involving 18,000 staff, FAYAT implements high-performance technical solutions in the following sectors: building and public works, steelworks (number 1 in France), electricity, road building equipment, handling equipment and pressure vessels, in France and worldwide. In 2011, the Group's turnover exceeded 3 billion euros.

**About the FAYAT Group's Road Building Equipment Division**

The FAYAT Group's Road Building Equipment Division is a leading player on the international scene with its 13 brands and 3,417 employees. In particular, it is the global leader in the compaction sector and offers product lines covering the entire road life cycle.

For the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the FAYAT Road Building Equipment Division made a turnover of €846.24M.

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