

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Team Canada competing with Trocal Windows at the Solar Decathlon 2011**

Also this year, windows made of profine Group's profiles will be exhibited at the international architecture competition "Solar Decathlon 2011" in Washington D. C.

The team of the Calgary University in Canada will present its prototype house equipped with windows and French doors of the Trocal "InnoNova\_70.M5" system with co-extruded "AcrylProtect" surface. The elements will be manufactured by the Canadian specialized Trocal manufacturer Innotech Windows + Doors, an official partner of the team.

Since 2002, the US Department of Energy has hosted the "Solar Decathlon", a competition in architecture and energy technology for universities. This year's final will be held from 23 September to 2 October when 20 teams will present their solar-powered model houses at the historical National Mall.

TRTL-House – Technological Residence, Traditional Living – is the name and, at the same time, the concept of the house presented by the Calgary University team. It is intended to conciliate highest energy and cost efficiency with the cultural and social requirements of the Canadian Aboriginal people.

Jens Busse, Sales Director Americas at profine: "In Northern America, the trend is clearly towards holistic and sustainable living concepts. Thus, the Solar Decathlon represents a chance for us to demonstrate our energy-efficient products in a sophisticated environment".

Two years ago, profine was already represented at the "Solar Decathlon" when the team of the Polytechnic University of Madrid, Spain, equipped its model house with "Kömmerling 88*plus*" parallel tilt and slide patio doors.

With profine Iberia, the market leader was also involved in the "Solar Decathlon Europe" in Spain as one of the main sponsors. The European equivalent to the US competition took place in 2010 for the first time, and following the two-years intervals, it will be held again in Spain, next year.

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The "TRTL house" presented by the University of Calgary at the Solar Decathlon 2011 is equipped with windows and French doors made of the Trocal InnoNova\_70.M5 system.

**About profine:**

profine GmbH - International Profile Group - is the world-wide leading manufacturer of plastic profiles for windows and doors as well as a notable supplier of shutter solutions and PVC sheets. The company was established in 2003, when HT TROPLAST consolidated its profile business activities (KBE, KÖMMERLING, TROCAL) under one roof.

profine has a total of 3,200 employees at 28 locations in 21 countries. Around 1,800 of these employees work in Germany.

The production sites are located in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Russia, Ukraine, the United States and China. The company headquarters is in Troisdorf (North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany).

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