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## Rebuilding Zaporizhzhia: Metinvest and Insulate Ukraine Install Blast-Resistant Windows in War-Damaged Buildings



Metinvest Group has joined the charitable initiative led by the non-profit organisation Insulate Ukraine to help restore housing and infrastructure in regions affected by the war. The first city to benefit from the project is Zaporizhzhia, where the company has funded the installation of over 1,500 blast-resistant windows in damaged buildings.

Installation began at Zaporizhzhia Gymnasium No. 65, which also hosts a Point of Invincibility. The school has been repeatedly damaged by Russian shelling - there are hardly any intact windows left. Specialists plan to install approximately 200 square metres of new windows, with the work expected to be completed within two weeks.

“With our production facilities operating close to the front line, we see every day how urgent it is to find fast and reliable ways to protect people,” said **Yuriy Ryzhenkov, CEO of Metinvest Group**. “Supporting this initiative is our contribution to helping communities restore not just buildings but also a sense of safety. We’re doing this for our employees, who keep Ukraine’s economy going under fire and help the country stand strong.”

The blast-resistant windows offer an innovative alternative to the OSB panels typically used for temporary repairs. Made from a specially recycled PET plastic with no brittle components, the material is shatterproof, blast-resistant, and safe, producing no sharp debris. The windows provide high thermal insulation, glass-like transparency, resistance to temperature fluctuations, and can be installed quickly and easily.

Metinvest decided to support Insulate Ukraine following a charity auction in London in October 2024, aimed at raising funds to install 10,000 windows in homes across Ukraine’s war-affected regions.

The event brought together leaders from the Ukrainian and British business communities, cultural figures, international philanthropists, and key institutional supporters - including the EBRD, Deutsche Bank, and the University of Cambridge - alongside other distinguished organisations. United in their commitment to Ukraine’s recovery, they rallied behind Insulate Ukraine’s mission to help war-affected communities rebuild their homes and lives.

“It is heartening to see the strong support from our partners for such an important cause. Together, we are helping to restore not just homes, but hope,” said **Harry Blakiston Houston, founder of Insulate Ukraine**.

Insulate Ukraine provides emergency replacement windows to civilians and civil infrastructure in frontline cities across Ukraine. The organisation has installed over 46,000 windows, helping more than 10,000 Ukrainians rebuild their homes.