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## Saint-Gobain Marine explores the North Pole aboard the National Geographic Endurance

**Saint-Gobain Weber and Saint-Gobain ISOVER have been chosen to equip the latest luxury vessel of the shipowner Lindblad Expeditions Holdings: The National Geographic Endurance.**

Named in honour of explorer Ernest Shackleton's favourite ship, the National Geographic Endurance has been designed to navigate safely in remote polar waters (from northeast Greenland to the Northeast Passage via Jan Mayen Island) all year round thanks to a highly reinforced hull of category A, the highest polar class. The 124 m long expedition ship can accommodate up to 126 passengers in 69 cabins with two restaurants, a fitness room, a conference room and saunas, offering stunning ocean views. Its unique X-Bow® structure allows smooth and comfortable sailing in any conditions.

**Saint-Gobain Weber has supplied nearly 6,000m<sup>2</sup> of high performance flooring** through R&M Ship Interior, a global provider of turnkey ship interior solutions. With self-levelling solutions such as weberfloor 4680N Marine Light, weberfloor 4660N Marine Elastic and Weber Fireshield Marine, **Saint-Gobain Weber helped to reduce the weight of primary deck covering in certain areas by up to 47% vs. standard solutions.** Saint-Gobain ISOVER worked closely with the naval architect Ulstein Design & Solutions, **to provide lightweight insulation that meets the highest fire, thermal and acoustic standards.**

Saint-Gobain Marine's solutions were chosen for **their technical performance but also thanks to their light weight which contributes to reducing the weight of the vessel** and its environmental impact, a major challenge in the marine sector.

**Shipowner:** Lindblad Expeditions Holdings

**Design:** Ulstein Design & Solutions (CX104)

**Interior design:** PartnerShip Design GmbH

**Build:** Ulstein Shipyard, Norway

**Turnkey:** R&M Group

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