

**DUCHESNE ET FILS:
A CENTURY OF MANUFACTURING HERITAGE IS PRESERVED**

The Court approves the restructuring plan - Groupe Zohar acquires the Yamachiche-based manufacturing company

YAMACHICHE (Quebec), June 5, 2026 – Duchesne et Fils (Duchesne), a Quebec-based company specializing in the design and manufacturing of construction products for nearly a century, announces that the restructuring plan involving its management, employees, and Groupe Zohar has today been approved by the Superior Court of Quebec. This decision marks a key milestone in securing the company’s future. It allows Duchesne to continue its operations, preserve over 14 jobs in the region, and maintain strong relationships with its customers, suppliers, and business partners.

A renewed path supported by a long-term vision

“Duchesne has all the attributes required to remain a key player in the construction industry in Québec and across Canada. We strongly believe in its expertise, the quality of its products, and most importantly, the commitment of its employees,” said Jean-Mark Aflalo of Groupe Zohar, a Quebec-based manufacturing company founded in 1984. *“In a context where local manufacturing and supply chain resilience are becoming increasingly strategic, Duchesne plays an essential role. We are proud to support the company as it enters this new growth phase.”*

Senior executives from Groupe Zohar, company management, employees, as well as regional elected officials, will gather at Duchesne on Monday, June 8, at 8 a.m. to mark the resumption of operations.

“You cannot imagine how relieved my colleagues and I are,” said Martin Magny, General Manager of Operations at Duchesne. *“We are proud to work here. For some of us, that pride spans two or even three generations of employees. The motivation is clearly there for what comes next. Groupe Zohar has solid manufacturing expertise built over more than 40 years: from our very first discussions, we understood that they would know how to guide us.”*

A structured and collaborative process

The restructuring process, initiated in January 2026 under the Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA), brought together all stakeholders around a sustainable path forward.

Through this process, agreements were successfully reached with creditors, financial institutions, investors, and employees, providing a solid foundation for the company's recovery and future development. Throughout these efforts, the objective remained clear: to preserve a manufacturing business that is strategically important within Quebec's economy and ensure its continuity in a challenging economic environment.

A new chapter for a centennial company

With nearly 100 years of history, Duchesne is now entering a new phase of its development, focused on innovation, operational efficiency, and growth. The company intends to build on its expertise and strong regional roots to expand its presence and strengthen its position in the North American market. It also aims to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2027: a significant milestone reflecting its resilience and long-standing contribution to Quebec's economy.

About Duchesne et Fils

Since 1927, [Duchesne et Fils](#) has been meeting the needs of renovation centres, hardware stores, distribution centres and specialized manufacturers throughout Canada and the United States. The company has gained a solid reputation due to the reliability of its services. From designing and manufacturing essential construction products to their packaging and shipping, the level of quality offered by Duchesne et Fils has become a Canadian symbol of excellence in the building materials field.

About Groupe Zohar

[Groupe Zohar](#) is a Quebec-based manufacturing company founded in 1984 and resulting from the merger of Zohar Plastiques, Pine Valley Polymers and Rico Plast. Through its two integrated production facilities in Montreal, the company designs and manufactures a wide range of polyethylene solutions, including films, bags, tubes and specialty products for various industrial sectors. Committed to a responsible approach, Groupe Zohar relies on innovation and internal recycling to reduce its environmental footprint and progress towards its zero-waste objective. The company is also CFIA accredited and HACCP certified, allowing it to serve the food sector according to the highest standards of quality and safety. As a strategic partner of its customers, Groupe Zohar stands out for the consistency of its product quality, its flexibility and its ability to offer tailor-made solutions adapted to the needs of the manufacturing, distribution and food industries.

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