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At their latest annual General Assembly, the members of the European association for Single ply Waterproofing membranes (ESWA) expressed their deep concern about the dramatic increase of the prices of their main raw materials for nearly 2 years and the gloomy perspectives for the future.

Compared to January 2010, the prices have roughly increased with 30% for PVC, 50 % PP and up to 80% for plasticizers.

In addition to these main raw materials, very important increases were imposed on numerous already expensive additives like stabilizers and pigments.

In some cases these price increases are combined with a reduced availability and some “force majeure” supply breakdowns have seriously disrupted processing production..

All this has lead to an overall increase of the total cost price of a synthetic roofing membrane which can be estimated to more than 50%. Competitiveness of the industry sector is at stake

ESWA is the leading EU level trade Association, based in Brussels, representing the plastics roofing membranes manufacturers employing thousands of workers in mainly small and medium sized companies. Its network, together with the European umbrella organisation EuPC (European Plastics Converters) exists to support the beneficial use of plastics in roofing and waterproofing applications.

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