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VINCI suggests skills sponsorship for Notre Dame reconstruction

VINCI suggests all building companies in France should join forces to rebuild Notre Dame in an industry-wide skills sponsorship drive, possibly led by the Fondation du Patrimoine (French heritage foundation), so as to begin work and restore Paris' cathedral as rapidly as possible.

VINCI is naturally intent on contributing to the national fundraiser and asking its employees to do likewise, assisting Monuments Historiques architects when they assess the requirements, and taking part in the reconstruction if authorities deem its contribution useful.

The partial destruction of Notre Dame is an unqualified tragedy. The 13th century wooden beams holding up the roof will never be replaced. But the part of Notre Dame that has survived the fire must be safeguarded. Then, as the French President has announced, the cathedral must rise again.

VINCI has been very involved in heritage preservation since its sponsorship operation restoring the Hall of Mirrors at the Château de Versailles about 15 years ago.

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