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Fiddeler, "After we were asked to provide special glass for the famous Han Yang Ling Museum in China's Xian, everything started rolling." No less than 60 of its employees put together thousands of square meters of 'heated IQ glass' in order to protect

the ancient terra cotta soldiers. It's this walkable glass, which is also used by swimming pool owners, to keep the army safe from damp while at the same time allowing them to remain visible to the public.



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"Something this precious needs to be shown to the world," says Mr. Fiddeler. "At the same time, heat given off by all those visitors - the main terra cotta army museum attracts around 50,000 visitors each day - dampens each and one of those 'GIs' and makes them less 'combat

ready'. The uniqueness of our product is that the glass has a thin metal layer that conducts electricity and radiates heat. This way we fully preserve this archeological treasure."

The soldiers, who were crafted during the Qin Dynasty and whose initial purpose was to protect the former Chinese emperor in the life hereafter, were discovered around 30 years ago by a farmer who wanted to dig a well on the site. In 1990

another site was discovered nearby - with more than 8000 statues so far. These latter statues are at a scale of 1:3, whereas the previously found warriors are of real human size.

According to Mr. Fiddeler, the project went smoothly. "Chinese are very eager to learn and most definitely, ideal customers who don't play around, but follow the instructions. No glass panel got damaged during the transportation and installation process. Taking into account that 'in casu' we are talking about thousands of meters of sensitive material, I would say it's quite positive.

The same is true for the supporting role of The Netherlands Chamber of Commerce in China." As Mr. Fiddeler puts it, "I found The Chamber in China the most neutral and active partner for