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ICC-ES Verifies Recycled Content of Georgia-Pacific Gypsum Board

The ICC Evaluation Service® (ICC-ES®) Sustainable Attributes Verification and Evaluation™ (SAVE™) Program has issued Georgia-Pacific a Verification of Attributes Report™ (VAR-1004) for the ToughRock® gypsum board and Dens™ Fiberglass Mat Gypsum Panel products for determination of recycled content at the Wheatfield, Indiana gypsum plant.

The two key components of the ToughRock gypsum board—the board and the paper—are both made with recycled content with a total recycled content (by weight) of approximately 99%. The gypsum board paper uses 100% recycled fiber, and the recycled gypsum content is derived from synthetic gypsum.

The Dens™ Fiberglass Mat Gypsum Panel is a resinous, coated, non-combustible gypsum sheathing board faced with glass fiber mats and has a total recycled content (by weight) of approximately 91%. These products have also been evaluated in ICC-ES® Evaluation Reports® ER-4305 and NER-574 for compliance with code requirements.

During the SAVE™ evaluation process, ICC-ES® technical staff reviewed Georgia-Pacific's production process at its Wheatfield, Indiana, plant.

Barry Reid, LEED AP, business development manager for Georgia-Pacific LLC, says, "It's increasingly important to provide third-party verification of sustainable benefits to our customers. Through the ICC-ES® SAVE™ Program, we were able to obtain recycled content verification in a timely manner from an industry-respected source."

Mark Johnson, ICC-ES® president, says, "As the green movement continues to grow, it's our goal to provide manufacturers such as Georgia-Pacific a valuable, credible resource that will help them demonstrate their continued commitment to delivering proven sustainable solutions to the industry."

The ToughRock® gypsum boards include paper-faced gypsum panels for a variety of applications including interior wall, ceilings, Type X boards, abuse-resistant boards, veneer plaster base systems, and panels for use in fire-rated assemblies. The Dens™ Fiberglass Mat Gypsum Panels are non-combustible gypsum boards faced with glass-fiber mats used for a variety of interior and exterior applications.

More about the SAVE Program

Under the SAVE™ Program, ICC-ES® evaluates products in eight additional categories besides recycled content. These include regional materials, biobased materials, certified wood products, solar reflectance index and thermal emittance of roofing materials, volatile organic compound content and emissions (adhesives and sealants), volatile organic compound content and emissions (paints and coatings), urea formaldehyde resin content in composite wood products, and volatile organic compound content and emissions of floor coverings.

The SAVE™ guidelines address the production stage of the item under review beginning with raw material acquisition and progressing through final manufacturing and packaging. The subsequent program reports can be useful when seeking points under major green building rating systems—U.S. Green Building Council's LEED, Green Building Initiative's Green Globes, the NAHB/ICC-700 *National Green Building Standard*, or the *2008 California Green Building Standards Code*.

For more information about the ICC-ES® SAVE™ Program and to view the Georgia-Pacific Verification of Attributes Report™, visit www.icc-es.org/save. Manufacturers who would like to have their products evaluated under the SAVE™ Program can view the Application Details at www.icc-es.org/save/applications. ICC-ES® maintains a list of products successfully evaluated under the SAVE™ Program in a Directory of Reports available at www.icc-es.org/save.

About ICC-ES and ICC

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