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LATICRETE Unveils Product Specific EPDs and Updated HPDs

September 30th, 2016 (BETHANY, CT) – LATICRETE, a manufacturer of globally proven construction solutions for the building industry, announced today the release of three new product specific Environmental Product Declarations and updated Health Product Declarations.

An Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) is a comprehensive, globally harmonized, and independently verified report created by a product manufacturer which documents the impacts on the environment throughout its lifecycle. Information on the impacts to the environment include raw material acquisition, energy use, energy efficiency, content of materials, chemical substances, emissions to air, soil and water, as well as waste generation from "cradle-to-grave". An EPD is created and verified in accordance with ISO 14025, and is based on a life-cycle assessment according to ISO 14040 and ISO 14044. The intent of an EPD is to simply provide transparent information on the life-cycle impact of the product.

A Health Product Declaration (HPD) is an open standard, which provides complete, transparent disclosure of the potential chemicals of concern by analyzing and comparing all product raw materials to authoritative chemical hazard lists from around the world. Health Product Declarations are governed by the Health Product Declaration Collaborative and are primarily used in North America. HPDs can be used to fulfill Option 1 (Material Ingredients Reporting) of the LEED v4 Building Product Disclosure and Optimization - Material Ingredients credit.

LATICRETE will be offering three product-specific EPDs. These EPDs will be for cement grout, cement mortar, and cement self-leveling underlayments. These three product specific EPDs will be valued at one full product each in fulfilling Option 1 (Environmental Product Declaration) of the LEED v4 Building Product Disclosure and Optimization - Environmental Product

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Declaration credit. LATICRETE will be the only company with a full product specific EPD for cement self-leveling underlayments. LATICRETE will be able to provide industry-wide EPDs for cement grouts and cement mortars in conjunction with the Tile Council of North America (TCNA) and several other manufacturers of these products types.

"LATICRETE is committed to manufacturing products which meet or exceed the requirements of green construction standards to promote a healthy environment for everyone," said Mitch Hawkins, Technical Services Manager. "It is the goal of LATICRETE to provide maximum disclosure so as to allow the design team and building owners a better opportunity to make more informed decisions when it comes to choosing what products will go into their projects," Hawkins stated.

LATICRETE is committed to making information for green construction readily available by using the LATICRETE LEED Project Certification Assistant at <u>laticrete.com</u>.

LATICRETE is a leading manufacturer of globally proven construction solutions for the building industry. LATICRETE offers a broad range of products and systems covering tile & stone installation and care, masonry installation and care, resinous and decorative floor finishes, concrete construction chemicals, and concrete restoration and care including the LATICRETE® SUPERCAP® System. For 60 years, LATICRETE has been committed to research and development of innovative installation products, building a reputation for superior quality, performance and customer service. LATICRETE methods, materials, and technology have been field and laboratory proven by Architects, Engineers, Contractors and Owners. Offering an array of low VOC and sustainable products, LATICRETE products contribute to LEED certification, exceed commercial/residential VOC building requirements, and are backed by the most comprehensive warranties in the industry. Laticrete.com

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