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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: LEED v4 EQ Credit: Low-Emitting Materials

Dal-Tile's manufactured products are fully compliant with the requirements of the LEED® v4 EQ Credit: Low-Emitting Materials: Flooring Systems, as specified in all of the LEED v4 Green Building Rating Systems because they are considered by LEED v4, CHPS and other Green Building Rating Systems to be "Inherently nonemitting sources" of VOCs. Therefore, they qualify for the credit(s) without the need for FloorScore, Greenguard or any other Certifications relating to VOC emissions testing.

Dal-Tile products are not FloorScore or Greenguard certified, but as noted above, such certification is not needed to satisfy LEED v4 and other Green Building Rating Systems low-emitting criteria. For your reference information, the testing required to obtain the FloorScore certification was developed based on the same testing required by the California Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) Program, namely the test methodology specified in CA Department of Public Health Standard – Section 01350. In fact, this test method is the exact same one used for all the following certifications:

- SCS/RFI** — FloorScore
- UL** — Greenguard, Greenguard - Children & Schools
- SCI** — Indoor Advantage, Indoor Advantage Gold
- CRI** — Green Label, Green Label Plus

Please be advised that a representative sample of our manufactured tile products was tested in the past, prior to the exemptions given to tile products. That testing used the CA DPH Standard - Section 01350 and the results document that there are no detectable emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) from our fired tile products. Thus, the results exceed the requirements for obtaining the FloorScore certification.

Please see program excerpts below:

LEED-v4 for Building Design & Construction (all 8 rating systems)

EQ CREDIT: LOW-EMITTING MATERIALS - Emissions and Content Requirements

"Inherently nonemitting sources. Products that are inherently nonemitting sources of VOCs (stone, ceramic, powder-coated metals, plated or anodized metal, glass, concrete, clay brick, and unfinished or untreated solid wood flooring) are considered fully compliant without any VOC emissions testing if they do not include integral organic-based surface coatings, binders, or sealants."

Collaborative for High Performance Schools 2019 Core Criteria for New Construction

EQ C6.1.2 Flooring Systems

"Flooring systems include but are not limited to: carpet with or without an integral cushion, carpet with an integral adhesive system, and separate cushion; resilient flooring; wood flooring with the exception of solid wood flooring; ceramic tile flooring; other mineral based flooring (either natural or manmade) without any organic component, and concrete flooring. For the purposes of this option, it is assumed that ceramic tile, organic-free mineral-based flooring, and concrete flooring are negligible sources of VOCs and are available for credit without any testing requirements."

Based on my inquiry of responsible person(s), I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.



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