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Nydree Flooring Awarded FloorScore® Certification

FOREST, VA – Nydree Flooring today announced it has obtained FloorScore® certification for its acrylic impregnated wood flooring products.

"This certification is important to the commercial architecture and design firms we work with because it confirms that Nydree Flooring products meet the stringent low emitting materials credit (IEQ credit 4.3) in the current LEED rating system," said company VP of Sales and Marketing Jason Brubaker.

Brubaker explained that Nydree already met the low emitting material credit under the chamber testing portion of CA Section 01350 and ASTM Standard Guide D 5116-06; however, we were delighted to be certified under FloorScore® because of their widespread brand recognition and their validation of our internal manufacturing processes. The FloorScore® certification goes much further than our previous standalone CA Section 01350 compliance. "SCS is excited to recognize Nydree as a newly certified client," said Stowe Hartridge-Beam, Program Manager of Indoor Air Quality and level™ Programs. "They passed the rigorous testing and auditing requirements needed to receive this recognizable certification."

For more information on Nydree Flooring, visit the company at Greenbuild, booth # 496, November 17-19 in Chicago. Or go online to nydreeflooring.com.

About FloorScore Certification

FloorScore, developed by the Resilient Floor Covering Institute (RFCI) in conjunction with Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), tests and certifies hard surface flooring and flooring adhesive products for compliance with rigorous indoor air quality emissions requirements. Individual volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are evaluated using health-based specifications. Flooring and adhesives that earn FloorScore certification earn a legitimately enhanced market position, distinguished by the FloorScore certification label.

Products bearing the FloorScore label meet the indoor air emissions criteria of:

- Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS)
- LEED® Green Building Rating Systems
- Green Guide for Health Care

The U.S. Green Building Council approved FloorScore-certified products as an alternative compliance path to LEED credit EQ 4.3 Low-Emitting Materials: Carpet Systems in October, 2006.

FloorScore tests to the CA Section 01350 Specification, which includes the Chronic Reference Exposure Levels (CRELs) concentrations established by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and procedures developed by the US EPA. Assuming that other products in an office or classroom may be sources of VOCs, FloorScore certifies hard flooring products that do not exceed one-half the allowable concentration limits.

Under the FloorScore program, manufacturers must submit a written quality control plan, which includes strict requirements for supply chain management. This process strongly encourages the identification of chemical sources, helping manufacturers to develop materials specifications. By purchasing input materials with low concentrations of the target VOCs, manufacturers gain increasing confidence that their products will meet criteria for certification.

About Nydree Flooring

Nydree Flooring began in 2001 with the acquisition of Gammapar acrylic impregnated wood flooring, and acquired its primary competitor, PermaGrain, in 2003. Today, these technologies, which have been refined since 1968, are used to manufacture extremely durable, yet stylish wood flooring products. With manufacturing locations in Forest, Virginia, and Karthaus, Pennsylvania, Nydree Flooring delivers superior customer service, impeccable manufacturing quality and a constant focus on innovation. The company is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council and is Chain of Custody certified by Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards (Chain of Custody Number SCS-COC-003343). For more information, contact the company at 800-682-5698 or nydreeflooring.com.

About SCS

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