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Top Furniture Manufacturers Earn SCS level™ Certification

New BIFMA Standard Addresses Sustainability

June 1, 2009 Emeryville, CA – Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), a recognized independent third-party certifier and sustainability expert, announced today that six of the furniture industry’s leading manufacturers — **Allsteel, Gunlocke, The HON Company, Kimball Office, National Office Furniture and Steelcase Inc.** — have been certified under the new level™ program.

“For the past three years, SCS has provided invaluable support for the multi-stakeholder standard development process,” says Tom Reardon, Executive Director of BIFMA. For more information about the standard, visit <http://levelcertified.org/>.

SCS has certified 98 furniture products to date, including tables, chairs, storage, systems furniture and casegoods. The level™ brand and its numeric marking of 1, 2 or 3 indicate what threshold of certification a product has achieved. Of the 98 level-certified products, **Steelcase’s** Think® chair is the first product to earn level™ 3, the highest tier of achievement. A complete list of products certified by SCS is available at www.SCScertified.com/products.

“Companies that are truly committed to working toward sustainability work with SCS,” says Stowe Hartridge Beam, level™ program manager at SCS, “We are proud to be at the forefront, providing this first-ever, multi-stakeholder sustainability certification for furniture.”

The level™ program encourages manufacturers to start their journey toward sustainability with a baseline environmental assessment addressing material utilization, energy and atmosphere impacts, human and ecosystem health and social responsibility. The initial self-assessment and subsequent annual reviews must be verified by an approved third-party certifier.

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About Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) — SCS is a global leader in independent certification of environmental, sustainability, food quality and food purity claims. For more than two decades, SCS has developed internationally recognized standards and certification programs aimed at spurring the highest level of environmental improvements, social accountability and product performance. SCS programs recognize accomplishments in agricultural production, food processing and handling, forestry, fisheries, flowers and plants, energy, green building, consumer and business product manufacturing and corporate social responsibility. For more information, please visit www.SCScertified.com.