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To: ALL USA BASED NUDURA DISTRIBUTORS

Re: **CHANGES TO THE USGBC – LEED® GREEN BUILDING CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM EFFECTIVE APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

For those of you who do not already know – effective April 27, 2009 the USGBC's LEED® Green Building Classification System has formally changed. As many of you are already aware, our industry is most directly affected by the LEED® Checklist for New Construction. Up until April 27th, the checklist most affecting us has been known as LEED NC 2.2 which is what our Green Literature and LEED Targeted Checklists and DSM data have been based on. As of April 27<sup>th</sup> the USGBC has adopted LEED 2009/v3. This new checklist features many positive improvements to the LEED classification system. Some of the key changes that the USGBC has announced surrounding this new system of classification include:

- Harmonization of types of credits and points that are noted for each of the different possible checklists meaning that in many cases the points are aligned and consolidated so that the a LEED Team's work required to document achievement under one checklist can be easily transferred to another. (This does not effect NUDURA projects to any degree)
- More significantly, different credit weightings are now assigned within the checklists to enable greater reward being given for the design strategies that matter most within green building with a greater concentration of credit being given toward energy efficiency and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. (This is GREAT news for NUDURA!)
- Regionalization: The checklists now enable the attainment of an extra 4 possible points that are based on local priority environmental issues as identified by the local USGBC chapters, councils and affiliates to a project's site location.
- The new LEED v3.0 Checklist now enables designers to target a total of 110 possible points across now 6 Classification Categories whereas under the old system only 69 points could be attained across 5 Classification Categories.
- Specifically the credit which our product most effects (the Optimizing Energy Performance Credit (EA-1)) enables attainment of **19 possible points** if the energy analysis prepared by the LEED Team substantiates energy performance improvement by 48% over conventional construction means on any New Construction. This is nearly doubled over the previously available number of points attainable under this category which was 10.

Use of the new LEED checklist is being phased in over the next 7 months as follows:

**April 27:** LEED 2009 v.3 launches. Until June 27<sup>th</sup>, new projects may register under either v 2.2 or 2009/(v.3) but can be migrated over the transition period to LEED 2009 (v.3) without charge.

**June 27:** All new projects will be required to register for LEED 2009 (v.3).

**Dec. 31:** Last day of free migration period, during which currently registered projects can transition to LEED 2009 and LEED Online v3 without paying

The amendment of our current Green Building Literature and LEED Credit Summary is currently underway to ensure our information reflects this most recent change and we hope to have a fully completed package for digital release within the next 60 days.

In the interim, for additional information which may prove helpful for your clients, please refer to the following download links at the USGBC Website:

[USGBC: LEED Version 3](#)

[USGBC: LEED 2009: Technical advancements to the LEED rating system](#)

The LEED 2009 summary document and checklist can be downloaded in PDF and XLS formats respectively directly from the second link reference.

Save for the corrected point tallies and addressing the specific nuances of differences between the two checklist formats, credit changes and point counts – the basic information surrounding the “green” aspects of our products and their ability to qualify for LEED credit achievement will remain much the same as they are presented in our current literature. Therefore, so long as you clarify in your presentations to clients that the material reflects the older LEED system, and that the new information will be forthcoming, there is no reason why you cannot continue to utilize our current data until such time as the replacement documents have been issued.

Should you have ANY additional questions regarding how these changes will impact our current literature, please contact us here at NUDURA Technical Services

Very best regards,



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