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**BuildBlock Adopts Intertek for all Product Testing**

All products to carry universal WH (Warnock Hershey) certification.

**(Oklahoma City, OK, September 1, 2013)** BuildBlock Building Systems is proud to announce that it has chosen Intertek for all product code evaluation reports. This change will allow all BuildBlock products to display the Warnock Hersey (WH) Certification mark. The WH Mark is recognized by all Authorities Having Jurisdiction including building code officials, fire marshals, and inspectors across North America. BuildBlock chose the Intertek IRR report to continue to provide the highest standards and code compliance testing information to code officials, building inspectors, and consumers. BuildBlock products are currently certified compliant for the 2009 IRC (International Residential Code) and 2009 IBC (International Building Code). Certification for the 2012 codes will be completed by the end of the year.

Intertek has long been the organization providing research reports to the ICC for product certification. BuildBlock chose to go to the source of the reports and work directly with inspectors and testing professionals. Intertek is recognized by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an Accredited Certification Body and is accredited by the Standards Council of Canada as an accredited Testing Organization and Certification Body. The WH Mark is a recognized alternative to the CSA and UL marks for Canada and the US.

An Intertek Research Report (IRR) is prepared by Intertek summarizing their review of a manufacturer’s data demonstrating code compliance of their product or system. IRRs address compliance with the code and not just a single code-referenced standard. IRRs are compiled after testing from laboratories accredited to ISO Standard 17025. Review of data is conducted by experienced engineers and architects who are separate from the testing staff and testing requirements are based on code or established normative standards such as an acceptance criteria approved by the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee.

**Company Information**

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