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No Questions About IAPMO ES' Qualifications

Ontario, Calif. (May 22, 2009) — Building product manufacturers may have caught wind of some rather disingenuous claims made by competing agencies in an attempt to disparage IAPMO ES and raise questions about the validity of its evaluation reports. Such misrepresentations are, of course, completely baseless, unfounded and proof that these agencies are losing the respect and trust of their clients, as well as Authorities Having Jurisdiction.

The truth: IAPMO ES reports have encountered no roadblocks from any Authority Having Jurisdiction in which they have been vetted. Manufacturers armed with an IAPMO ES report should have every confidence their products will reach the market in any desired jurisdiction. In fact, a recent bill passed by the Florida State Legislature, for example, has approved IAPMO ES as a state-sanctioned Evaluation Entity, meaning every AHJ in the State of Florida will accept products with an accompanying evaluation report from IAPMO ES.

In a recent marketing e-mail, there was an attempt by one agency to lump all other Evaluation Service providers together as fringe entities, claiming they lack the credibility necessary to meet manufacturers' evaluation needs. Are they fooling anyone? IAPMO has been evaluating manufacturer's products since 1936. Jurisdictions across the country recognize the IAPMO marks of conformity among the most trusted marks in the industry — and this includes ES reports. IAPMO ES is an approved agency in compliance with Section 1703 of the International Building Code and is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under ISO/IEC Guide 65.

"Every IAPMO ES report contains all of the same information and professional scientific evaluation as required by the industry," says Amir Zamanian, IAPMO ES director. "The format is no different from the industry standard."

IAPMO ES was established in response to the frustration voiced by manufacturers who were increasingly growing tired of a frequent lack of responsiveness from other evaluation bodies during the acceptance criteria evaluation process. That call has been answered by a perfectly legitimate and wholly qualified alternative, with a commitment to client satisfaction in every aspect of the evaluation process.

Instead of rededicating themselves to better serving their clients, these evaluation service bodies have seemingly responded to the challenge IAPMO ES presents by appealing to manufacturers' complacency and attempting to cast doubt on their competitors' validity. IAPMO ES trusts manufacturers will see through this and find out for themselves how much better IAPMO ES will serve them.

ABOUT IAPMO ES

IAPMO ES offers both the required speed and credibility for a product's aggressive introduction to the marketplace. Manufacturers enjoy the benefits of the fast turnaround and viability of an IAPMO ES evaluation report and building officials recognize the inherent quality and accountability IAPMO ES brings to all of its work.

For more information on IAPMO ES, direct your Web browser to www.iapmoes.org or contact Amir Zamanian at (909) 230-5533 or amir.zamanian@iapmoes.org.

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