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IAPMO’s Uniform Evaluation Service Issues ER-0391 to Grip-Tite Manufacturing Company, LLC

Ontario, Calif. (April 28, 2016) — IAPMO’s Uniform Evaluation Service (UES) is pleased to announce that Winterset, Iowa-based Grip-Tite Manufacturing Company, LLC was granted UES Evaluation Report ER-0391 to reference the 2015, 2012, and 2009 editions of the International Building Code. ER-0391 states that the Grip-Tite Helical Pile Foundation System as shown in the report satisfies applicable code requirements. This allows for the specification of the Grip-Tite helical pile foundations by architects, contractors, specifiers, and designers, and approval of installations by code officials. The evaluation report also provides code officials with a concise summary of the products’ attributes and documentation of code compliance.

Products recognized with an IAPMO UES Evaluation Report have successfully undergone evaluation based on applicable requirements within the Uniform Family of Codes and the International Family of Codes, as well as codes published by other entities. UES staff thoroughly examined the Grip-Tite Manufacturing Company’s product information, test reports, calculations, quality-control methods, and other factors to determine the products are code compliant.

"Grip-Tite is extremely satisfied with IAPMO’s product evaluation service," said David M. Nicholl, President of Grip-Tite. "They outlined a clear evaluation strategy, along with a timeline that matched our requirements. Bottom line — Uniform Evaluation Service delivered. I would not hesitate to recommend UES to other building product manufacturers."

The UES program is built upon IAPMO’s more than 70 years of experience in evaluating products for code compliance. Accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the program operates under ISO/IEC Standard 17065, "General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems."

UES Vice President of Technical Operations Brian Gerber explains why Uniform Evaluation Reports are so valuable: "Our staff worked closely with the Grip-Tite team to verify that compliance with the IBC was achieved, tackling complex issues and arriving at solutions. We also inspected the production facilities to verify quality of the production. The ER-0391 supports Grip-Tite’s efforts to ensure that code officials, builders, architects, engineers, and building owners have the information required for acceptance of the helical pile foundations. The UES evaluation report, which can be obtained any time at no cost, makes this task easier to accomplish."

IAPMO’s UES offers a full range of recognition opportunities, including recognition for the applicable national model codes, as well as Florida, California, and various other state codes. By combining all of these recognitions into one concise report prepared by an internationally recognized product certification body, the UES program reduces cost and increases value.

ABOUT IAPMO’S UNIFORM ES

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) coordinates the development and adoption of plumbing, mechanical, swimming pool, and solar energy codes to meet the specific needs of individual jurisdictions both in the United States and abroad. IAPMO Uniform ES (UES) is one of the two prominent evaluation service providers (as noted by SEAOC, see uniform-es.org for details). UES reports provide evidence that products and systems satisfy code requirements within the scope and conditions of use as noted in each report.

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