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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: LEED v4 EQ Credit: Low-Emitting Materials

Dal-Tile's manufactured products are fully compliant with the requirements of the LEED v4 EQ Credit: Low-Emitting Materials: Flooring Systems, as specified in all of the LEED® v4 Green Building Rating Systems and are considered by LEED v4, CHPS and other Green Building Rating Systems to be an "Inherently nonemitting VOC source" and therefore qualify for the credit(s) without the need for FloorScore Certification or any VOC emissions testing.

Dal-Tile products are not FloorScore certified, but as noted above, it is not needed to satisfy LEED v4 and other Green Building Rating Systems criteria. For your reference information, the testing required to obtain the FloorScore certification was developed based on the same testing required by the California Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) Program, namely the test methodology specified in CA Department of Public Health Standard – Section 01350. In fact, this test method is the exact same one used for all the following certifications:

- SCS/RFI — FloorScore
- SCI — Indoor Advantage, Indoor Advantage Gold
- AQSI/GEI — Greenguard, Greenguard - Children & Schools
- CRI — Green Label, Green Label Plus

Please be advised that a representative sample of our manufactured tile products was tested in the past, prior to the exemptions given to tile products. That testing used the CA DPH Standard - Section 01350 and the results document that there are no detectable emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) from our fired tile products. Thus, the results exceed the requirements for obtaining the FloorScore certification.

Please see program excerpts below:

LEED-v4 for Building Design & Construction (all 8 rating systems)

EQ CREDIT: LOW-EMITTING MATERIALS - Emissions and Content Requirements

"Inherently nonemitting sources. Products that are inherently nonemitting sources of VOCs (stone, ceramic, powder-coated metals, plated or anodized metal, glass, concrete, clay brick, and unfinished or untreated solid wood flooring) are considered fully compliant without any VOC emissions testing if they do not include integral organic-based surface coatings, binders, or sealants."

Collaborative for High Performance Schools 2014 Criteria for New Construction

EQ 7.1.2 *Flooring Systems*

Flooring systems include but are not limited to: carpet with or without an integral cushion, carpet with an integral adhesive system, and separate cushion; resilient flooring; wood flooring; ceramic tile flooring; other mineral-based flooring (either natural or manmade) without any organic component, and concrete flooring. For the purposes of this option, it is assumed that ceramic tile, organic-free mineral-based flooring, and concrete flooring are negligible sources of VOCs and are available for credit without any testing requirements...

Based on my inquiry of responsible person(s), I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.



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