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Standards Council of Canada Extends Scope of Accreditation for ICC Evaluation Service to Certification of Building Products

The <u>Standards Council of Canada</u> (SCC) has now accredited <u>ICC Evaluation Service</u> (ICC-ES) for the certification of building products, a new ICC-ES service supporting manufacturers who distribute products in Canada and the U.S. This scope extension allows ICC-ES to certify many building products for the Canadian market. Some of the products ICC-ES can now list to Canadian requirements include iron and steel products, elements and structures of buildings. This new certification service provides easier access to the Canadian markets for ICC-ES clients, allowing ICC-ES to be a "one stop shop" service provider for their building product conformity assessment in the U.S. and Canada.

This new certification service is a major benefit for all ICC-ES customers, and is another example of ICC-ES' commitment to provide its customers with unequaled value in the industry.

"This is a significant feat for the ICC-ES building products listing program," said ICC-ES President Shahin Moinian. "U.S. manufacturers can benefit by taking advantage of this in order to expand their product distribution in Canada."

The building product listing program for the Canadian market provides manufacturers with a way to indicate to Canadian code officials, designers and specifiers that products comply with consensus standards referenced in the National Building Code of Canada. They can go to the jurisdictions in both the U.S. and Canada and have their products readily approved by the code officials of the two countries.

If the product successfully meets applicable requirements, ICC-ES issues the listing within eight weeks or less. U.S. manufacturers can determine if their products qualify for the program and distribution in Canada, by contacting the ICC-ES Connect+ Customer Care line at 1-800-423-6587 ext.1.

About ICC-ES

A nonprofit, limited liability company, ICC-ES is the United States' leading evaluation service for innovative building materials, components and systems. ICC-ES <u>Evaluation Reports</u> (ESRs), <u>Building Product Listings</u> and <u>PMG Listings</u> provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements of codes and technical standards. Reports from both listing programs are now accepted in Canada. The ICC-ES Environmental Programs issue VAR environmental reports that verify a product meets specific sustainability targets defined by today's codes, standards, green rating systems and ICC-ES <u>environmental criteria</u>. The Environmental Programs now offer Environmental Product Declarations (<u>EPDs</u>), to meet global market demand for science-based, transparent, quality-assured information about

a product's environmental performance. ICC-ES is a subsidiary of the International Code Council® (ICC®). For more information, please visit www.icc-es.org.

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