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## **American Concrete Institute and ICC-ES Enter Memorandum of Understanding in Support of Nonmetallic Building Materials**

*Relationship aligns efforts to collaborate on the use of nonmetallic materials in the built environment*



**Brea, CA** – ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES), the premier testing, inspection and certification agency in North America, and American Concrete Institute (ACI), a leading authority on concrete materials, design, and construction, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which both parties agree to effectively collaborate efforts on issues related to the use of nonmetallic materials in built environment.

The partnership will include ICC-ES and ACI Center of Excellence NEX working together in supporting the use of nonmetallic materials and nonmetallic concrete technologies, developing and advocating the adoption of codes and standards, and development of Acceptance Criteria (AC) to promote the use of nonmetallic materials in construction.



The signing ceremony was held in Brea, CA and was attended by (from left to right): Mr. Riyadh Shiban, NEX Board of Directors, Mr. Gusai AlAithan, ACI/Aramco Liaison, Mr. Waleed Alotaibi, Aramco Nonmetallic PMO, NEX Executive Director Dr. Jerzy Z. Zemajtis, ICC-ES Senior Staff Engineer Dr. Mahmut Ekenel, ICC-ES President Shahin Moinian and ICC-ES Vice President of Marketing Anna Mullen.



"ICC-ES is uniquely positioned to develop ACs for new materials, technologies and processes for innovative products such as nonmetallic materials in concrete construction," said ICC-ES President Shahin Moinian, P.E. "We are honored to be an Allied Organization of NEx and advance the safety and sustainability efforts of the built industry."

"We are excited to welcome ICC-ES as our new Allied Organization Member and look forward to working together and collaborating globally on the quality and integrity of nonmetallic building materials," said Jerzy Zemajtis, NEx Executive Director.

"Sustainability and safety of nonmetallic construction materials are the main focus of NEx strategy - this MOU with ICC-ES sets the stage for promising collaboration to develop new testing and qualification requirements for better serving the construction industry," said Waleed AlOtaibi, NEx President and [Aramco](#) Nonmetallic Material Business Strategy PMO.

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### **About ICC-ES**

ICC-ES is the leading evaluation service for innovative building materials, components and systems. ICC-ES [Evaluation Reports](#) (ESRs), [Building Product Listings](#) and [PMG Listings](#) provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements of codes and technical standards worldwide, including the US, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and the MENA region. ICC-ES is a member of the [ICC](#) family of solutions.

### **About ACI and NEx**

ACI is a standards developing organization with over 125 technical committees that continually update its consensus information. ACI is one of the world's foremost developers and providers of consensus information on all aspects of concrete technology. For more information, please visit [www.concrete.org](http://www.concrete.org).

NEx: An ACI Center of Excellence for Nonmetallic Building Materials is a catalyst for global collaboration on the use of nonmetallic building and construction materials in areas of education, awareness, research, standards development, and adoption. For more information, please visit [the NEx website](#).



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