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IAPMO’s Uniform Evaluation Service Issues ER-274 to Wanessa-Sue, Inc.

Ontario, Calif. (Nov. 22, 2013) — IAPMO’s Uniform Evaluation Service (UES) is pleased to announce that Arizona-based Wanessa-Sue, Inc., was granted UES Evaluation Report ER-274 to reference the 2009 and 2006 *International Building Code® (IBC)*, the 2009 and 2006 *International Residential Code® (IRC)*, and the 2007 *AISI North American Specification for the Design of Cold Formed Steel Structural Members*. ER-274 states that the AIRLIGHT T&G Panels recognized in the report satisfy applicable code requirements. This allows for the specification of AIRLIGHT T&G Panels by architects, contractors, specifiers, designers and approval of installations by code officials. It also provides code officials with a concise summary of the product’s attributes and documentation of code compliance.

Products recognized under the Uniform Evaluation Service 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 AIRLIGHT T&G Panels product information, test reports, calculations, quality control methods and other factors to determine the products are code compliant.

“Wanessa-Sue is extremely pleased with ER-274 on our AIRLIGHT T&G Panels,” said Wanessa Pence, president. “UES staff worked with me all along the way. Mike Merrigan, PE, Esq. and the rest of their staff took time to discuss and understand my project, what testing was required, and helped me understand the big picture. UES delivers as promised.”

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 Guide 65, “General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems.”

UES Director Richard Beck, PE, CBO, MCP, explains why Uniform Evaluation Reports are so valuable: “Wanessa-Sue, Inc., can now reference its ER-274 for their AIRLIGHT T&G Panels to ensure that code officials quickly have the information required for their decision on approval. Our program also stands out because of stellar customer service and the utilization of in-house staff along with the technical expertise of professional engineering firms, who are leaders in each area of recognition.” Merrigan added, “It was entirely my pleasure to work with Wanessa-Sue, Inc. Their innovative AIRLIGHT T&G Panels allowed us all to work as a team and develop a report that will help the building industry take advantage of this unique construction method.”

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. The UES program lowers the cost and increases the value to code officials of these reports by combining all of these recognitions in one concise report prepared by an internationally recognized product certification body.

ABOUT IAPMO’S UNIFORM ES

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) coordinates the development and adaptation 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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