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ERA Inaugurates Recycling Council by Adding New Affiliate Member Status

Nationwide Foam is First Member

BETHESDA, MD., April 3, 2009 – The EPDM Roofing Association (ERA), as part of its ongoing commitment to environmental responsibility, has announced the creation of a new Affiliate Member category, whose members will form the ERA Recycling Council.

In conjunction with this announcement, ERA has announced that Nationwide Foam Inc. (NFI), of Framingham, Mass., has become the first affiliate member. Nationwide Foam, North America's largest foam insulation board recycler, collects and hauls used Expanded Polystyrene (EPS), Extruded Polystyrene (XPS), Polyisocyanurate (ISO), and Composite (COMP) foam board directly from tear-off roofing jobsites, in addition to its collection and transportation of EPDM.

The Affiliate Member category is open to any company, corporation or other form of enterprise which is not eligible for Regular or Associate Membership but is engaged in any aspect of the business of recycling EPDM or other single-ply roof membranes. These companies will work with ERA to continue ERA's efforts to re-use and recycle EPDM. Membership requires the approval of the ERA Board of Directors.

“The Recycling Council reconfirms the commitment of ERA and its members to developing a system by which EPDM can be recycled and reused,” said John Geary, ERA board chairman. “By working with our current members and the new Affiliate Members, such as Nationwide Foam, we will be able to take the next steps toward reaching that goal.”

“The results of the pilot phase of our recycling project have shown that we can remove a significant portion of EPDM from rooftops, grind it and reuse it in a number of ways,” said Scott Long, EPDM product manager for Carlisle SynTec Incorporated and a member of ERA's Technical Committee. “This success and the growing awareness that recycling is a vital component of extending the life cycle of a sustainable roof system led us to create the Recycling Council.”

ERA invites inquiries about Affiliate Membership from companies in industries related to the recycling of EPDM. To find out more, please call (301) 654-5090 or email us at info@epdmroofs.org.

In addition to its Affiliate Membership in ERA, NFI is also a member of the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA), the New England Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA), and the Connecticut Roofing Contractors Association (CRCA). NFI can be contacted at Nationwidefoam.com or at 1 -888- 820-2760.

With more nearly half a century of success as a roof system of choice for low slope applications, EPDM is the leading roofing choice of architects, roof consultants and contractors for both new construction and replacement roofing projects. To date, more than 20 billion square feet of EPDM roof systems have been installed on more than 500,000 warranted rooftops.

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