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VSI, UL Environment Publish Certified Environmental Product Declarations for Vinyl, Insulated, and Polypropylene Siding

July 27, 2016 – WASHINGTON, D.C. – To quantify the environmental impacts of its members' product offerings, the Vinyl Siding Institute, working with UL Environment and Sustainable Solutions Corporation, has published Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) for [vinyl siding](#), [insulated vinyl siding](#), and [polypropylene siding](#).

"These EPDs allow us to provide insight into the 'green' attributes of our products using globally harmonized reporting methods based on facts and science, which builds credibility with specifiers, architects, and developers who have been fed mis-information by strident environmental groups," said Matt Dobson, VSI vice president, Code & Regulatory.

EPDs promote transparency to the public by presenting quantified environmental data for products or systems based on information from a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) that is compliant with the requirements of International Standard Organization (ISO) 14025 and Product Category Rules developed with the industry, Dobson said.

"Think of them as being similar to a food label for building products," he said.

EPDs can provide R&D teams with environmental data as an input to product design decisions, as well as contribute to earning points in green building standards.

"The EPDs produced by VSI are crucial in terms of understanding the environmental impact of an entire industry," said Tad Radzinski, president of Sustainable Solutions Corporation, who developed the EPDs with VSI. "Members can benchmark their own impact against the average, identify opportunities for improvement, and be specified for green building projects, such as those that follow the LEED rating system. These documents are not only a tool for the industry, but for architects, engineers, and builders around the world."

VSI has focused on the green building movement through the use of facts and science for almost 10 years and developed Life Cycle Assessment data more than six years ago. The data reflect continuous environmental performance improvement of VSI members' products and operations, Dobson said.

About the Vinyl Siding Institute

The Vinyl Siding Institute, Inc., located in Washington, D.C., is the trade association for manufacturers of vinyl and other polymeric siding and suppliers to the industry. VSI is the sponsor of the VSI Product Certification Program and the VSI Certified Installer Program. For more information, visit www.vinylsiding.org, Facebook (www.facebook.com/aswv.vsi) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/vinylsidinginfo).

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