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February 20, 2004

Rendered by Manufacturer for Acoustical Surfaces Inc. 123 Columbia Court North, Suite 201 Chaska, MN 55318

Re: Section 01350 Emission Test Results, Ultratouch Cotton Insulation, BLP11027-F

Dear Mr. Tonkinson:

Ultratouch Cotton Insulation, was tested by our laboratory to determine its emissions of toxic volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) of concern. The test was conducted using the procedures described in Section 01350 of the Material Specifications adopted by the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS).

Calculations were performed using the parameters given below for a standard classroom to estimate the concentrations of VOCs of concern resulting from the use of your product in a classroom environment. The results of the test and the calculated concentrations for the standard classroom are presented in our attached report, EMIT11O4, 02/19/04.

| Ventilation Rate 0.90 air changes per | Building Volume<br>231 m³ or          | Surface Area Covered by Product 94.6 m² of wall area |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| hour (volume fraction 0.9)            | (40x24x8.5 ft 8,160 ft <sup>3</sup> ) |  |

Your Ultratouch Cotton Insulation meets the Section 01350 requirements for use in a classroom with the above parameters.

Sincerely,

Alfred T. Hodgson Research Director

Attachment: Laboratory report



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## MATERIAL VOC EMISSION TEST RESULTS Page 1, Manufacturer, Client, Project & Specimen Information

#### **Laboratory Certification**

 Report number/Date
 .....
 EMIT1104, 2/19/04

 Protocol
 ....
 Section 01350

Original report number & date if

recalculation

Certified by (Name/Title) ..... Alfred T. Hodgson, Research Director

Signature

**Manufacturer Information** 

Manufacturing Company ..... Rendered by Manufacturer for

City/State/Country ..... Acoustical Surfaces Inc. Chaska, MN 55318 U.S.A.

Contact name/Title ..... Steve Anderson Sr, President

Phone number ...... 1-800-448-3134

Product name/Number ...... Ultratouch Cotton Insulation (Softsounds)

Product category/Subcategory Insulation
Manufacturer's ID BLP11027-F
Date manufactured 1/20/04
Date collected 1/20/04
Date shipped 1/23/04

Client Information (if different)

#### **Architectural Project Information (Section 01350)**

Organization . . . . LAUSD

City/State/Country ..... Los Angeles, CA

Project name ..... Low Emitting Schools Initiative

Type of building ..... School

Contact name/Title ..... John Zinner, Zinner Consultants

**Specimen Information** 

Specimen preparation ..... Cut specimen from center of panel

Conditioning period start date & ...



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#### Page 2, Pass/Fail/Summary, Summary, Chamber Conditions, Building Parameters

Summary - The protocol used to perform this VOC emission test is given under Laboratory Certification, Page 1. Scientific Certification Systems Low Emitting Material tests and Project-Specific Section 01350 (Special Environmental Requirements) tests are conducted following the full Section 01350 guidelines with prior conditioning of the test specimen as given for the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) program (refer to http://www.chps.net).

Table 1. Pass/fail results of emission test for identified VOCs with chronic RELs. Only VOCs detected above quantitation limits are reported. If no VOCs are listed in Table 1, the material passes the Section 01350 VOC emission requirements.

| % REL Standard Substance CAS No. |                     | Other<br>Classroom                              | Office | Building          |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--------|-------------------|
| Formaldehyde 50-00-1             | 16.5                | Pass  | Pass   | na                |
| Table 2. Chamber conditions for  | 96-h test period    |   |        |                   |
| Parameter                        | Symbol              | Units   |        | Value             |
| Material exposed area            | A <sub>C</sub>      | m <sup>2</sup>                                  |        | 0.0316            |
| Chamber volume                   | A <sub>C</sub><br>V | m <sup>3</sup><br>m <sup>2</sup> m <sup>3</sup> |        | 0.067             |
| Loading ratio                    | L <sub>C</sub>      | $m^2 m^3$                                       |        | 0.47              |
| Inlet gas flow rate              | C<br>Q              | m3 h <sup>-1</sup>                              |        | $0.067 \pm 0.003$ |
| Ventilation rate                 | a <sub>C</sub>      | h <sup>-1</sup>                                 |        | $1.0 \pm 0.05$    |
| Temperature                      | U                   | °C  |        | 23 ± 1            |
| Relative humidity                |                     | %   |        | 50 ± 5            |

**Table 3.** Parameters used to calculate building VOC concentrations

|                          |                 |  | Wall N                             | Other                                     |                        |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Parameter                | Symbol          | Units  | Standard<br>Classroom <sup>a</sup> | Typical Large<br>Office Bldg <sup>b</sup> | Materials!<br>Building |
| Material exposed area    | $A_B$           | m <sup>2</sup>                                   | 94.6                               | na  | na                     |
| Building volume          | VΒ              | m <sup>3</sup>                                   | 231                                | na  | na                     |
| Ceiling height           | _               | m  | 2.59                               | na  | na                     |
| Loading ratio            | $L_B$           | m<br>m <sup>2</sup> m <sup>3</sup>               | 0.41                               | na  | na                     |
| Ventilation rate         | a <sub>B</sub>  | h <sup>-1</sup>                                  | 0.9                                | na  | na                     |
| Ventilated vol. fraction | vf <sub>B</sub> |  | 0.9                                | na  | na                     |
| Vent. flow rate per area | ٥               | (m <sup>3</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> )/M <sup>2</sup> | 1.98                               | na  | na                     |

- a.. Standard classroom, Table 13a, Building Material Emissions Study, California Dept. of Health Services, May 14, 2003
- b. Volume & ceiling height from East End Project, Products Passed Section 01350, Calif. Integrated Waste Management Board. For floor & ceiling materials, 100% coverage is assumed. For wall materials, material exposed area is wall paint area for the building (http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Greenbuilding/Specs/EastEnd/)



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#### Page 3, Results of VOC Emission Test

Table 4. VOC emission test results\*. Only VOCs detected above quantitation limits are reported. Individual VOCs with chronic RELs are listedfirst, followed by compounds on other lists of toxicants, followed by unlisted abundant compounds

|              | <u> </u> |        |         |       |       | 96-h               |                                    | Class- |        | Other  |
|--------------|----------|--------|---------|-------|-------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|              |          |        | Chronic | CARB  | Prop  | Chamber            | Emission                           | room   | Office | Bldg.  |
|              |          | Surro- | REL     | TAC   | 65    | Conc.              | Factor                             | Conc.  | Conc.  | Conc.  |
| Substance    | CAS No.  | gate?  | pg m⁻³  | Cat.  | List? | pg m <sup>-3</sup> | μg m <sup>-2</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> | µg m⁻³ | µg m⁻³ | µg m⁻³ |
| TVOC         |          | Yes    |         |       |       | 45.6               | 96.6                               | 48.8   | na     | na     |
| Formaldehyde | 50-00-1  |        | 33      | T-lla | Yes   | 1.1                | 2.4                                | 1.2    | na     | na     |
| Acetic acid  | 64-19-7  |        |         |       |       | 296**              | 627                                | 317    | na     | na     |

<sup>\*</sup>Parameters and reported values are defined and explained in Table 6

Table 5. TVOC and formaldehyde 24- and 48-hour chamber concentrations

|              | Concentrat | ion, pg m <sup>-3</sup> |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Substance    | 24-h       | 48-h                    |
| TVOC         | 115        | 34.9                    |
| Formaldehyde | LQ         | LQ                      |

<sup>\*\*</sup>Acetic acid has low TVOC response; it's concentration exceeds TVOC concentration



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#### Page 4, Definitions, Notes to Tables

Table 6. Definition of parameters and notes to tables

| Parameter/Value                    | Definition   |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| CAS No.                            | Chemical Abstract Service identification number for chemical substance   |  |  |  |
| Surrogate?                         | "Yes" indicates compound was quantified by GC/MS total-ion-current (TIC) method using mixture of 12 common hydrocarbons as calibration reference   |  |  |  |
| Chronic REL                        | Chronic Reference Exposure Level (REL) established by Cal/EPA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Aug. 2003 and adopted by Section 01350 as target IAQ limit for building; for formaldehyde, IAQ limit is 33 µg m³ rather than REL. No material may contribute more than 1/2 IAQ limit for any REL compound  |  |  |  |
| CARB TAG Cat.                      | Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC) on Cal/EPA Air Resources Board list,<br>Dec. 1999, with toxic category indicated   |  |  |  |
| Prop 65 List?                      | "Yes" indicates compound is chemical known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity listed by Calif. Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65), Feb. 2003   |  |  |  |
| 96-h Chamber Conc.                 | Measured chamber VOC concentration at final 96-h time point minus any analytical blank or blank concentration for empty chamber operated following same procedure. Lower limit of quantitation (LOQ) for individual VOCs on lists of toxicants is 2 µg m³, based on a 2 ng limit for a 1-liter sample. LOQ for TVOC is 20 µg m³. LOQ for formaldehyde and acetaldehyde is given below  |  |  |  |
| Emission Factor                    | Mass of compound emitted per square meter of material per hour (calculations shown below). Reporting limits for emission factors are established by LOQ or reporting limit for chamber concentration and material's exposed surface area   |  |  |  |
| Classroom/Office/Other Bldg. Conc. | Concentrations for standard school classroom, hypothetical office building, or specific project building calculated using parameters given in Table 3 (calculations shown below)   |  |  |  |
| TVOC                               | Total Volatile Organic Compounds quantified by GC/MS TIC method using mixture of 12 common hydrocarbons as calibration reference   |  |  |  |
| Formaldehyde & acetaldehyde        | Volatile aldehydes quantified by HPLC following ASTM Method D 5197-97. LOQ for formaldehyde and acetaldehyde is approximately 1 pg m <sup>-3</sup> .   |  |  |  |
| Individual VOCs                    | Quantified by thermal desorption GC/MS following EPA Methods TO-1 and TO-17. Compound was quantified using multipoint calibration prepared with pure substance unless otherwise indicated (see Surrogate?). VOCs with chronic RELs are listed first, followed by other TAC and Prop. 65 compounds. Additional abundant VOCs at or above reporting limit of 5 $\mu$ g m³ are listed last. VOCs are listed inrder of decreasing volatility within each group |  |  |  |
| "<"                                | "Less than" concentrations established by LOQ  |  |  |  |
| "LQ"                               | Indicates calculated value is below quantitation based on concentration LOQ  |  |  |  |
| "na"                               | Not applicable   |  |  |  |

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#### Page 5, Equations Used in Calculations, Comments

Calculations – An emission factor (EF) in µg m<sup>-2</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> for a chamber test is calculated using Equation 1:

$$EF(Q(C - C_0)) / A_c$$
 (1)

where C is the VOC chamber concentration (pg m³) and  $C_0$  is the substrate or chamber blank VOC concentration (µg m³). The remaining parameters are defined in Table 2. A building concentration ( $C_B$ )in µg m³ is calculated using Equation 2, and parameters are defined in Table 3.

$$C_{B} = (EF * A_{B}) / (V_{B} * vf_{B} * a_{B})$$

$$(2)$$

Comments: None