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**UL ENVIRONMENT VALIDATION AND CERTIFICATION HELPS MANUFACTURERS
ACHIEVE NAHB RESEARCH CENTER ‘GREEN APPROVED’ PRODUCT SEAL**

NORTHBROOK, Ill., August 24 2009 – UL Environment today announced that its validations and certifications will help manufacturers achieve the NAHB Research Center “Green Approved” product seal. This recognition qualifies a product to be used by builders to earn points toward National Green Building Certification under the ICC-700 National Green Building Standard™.

“At UL Environment, we are committed to reducing confusion and clutter within the eco-labeling space,” said Steve Wenc, President, UL Environment. “That is why we are thrilled to be working alongside an important organization such as the NAHB Research Center as we aim to foster trust and transparency within the industry.”

The NAHB Research Center has developed the “Green Approved” program to help builders and designers identify green building products and materials that contribute points toward certification of a building under the National Green Building Standard™. This program is available to manufacturers who provide third-party evidence that their products meet specific criteria required by various sections of the Standard.

“UL has been testing and certifying products for over a century,” said Bob Hill, NAHB Research Center Director of Laboratory and Certification Services. “That’s why, when it came time to identify trusted, credible organizations that certify the green attributes of building products, it was a no-brainer to have UL Environment on the short list.”

UL Environment, launched in January 2009, recently announced the validation of its first building material—Serious Materials’ EcoRock. UL Environment is also an official certification body for the

Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA) level™ program. In the coming months, UL Environment will be announcing additional product environmental claim validations and certifications to industry standards, as well as an expansion of its current service offerings. For more information, go to www.ulenvironment.com.

About UL Environment, Inc.

UL Environment (ULE) is helping support the growth and development of sustainable products and services in the global marketplace through standards development and independent third-party assessment and certification. ULE is a wholly owned subsidiary of Underwriters Laboratories, a global leader in conformity assessment that has been testing products and writing standards for more than a century. ULE currently offers Environmental Claims Validation™ (ECV), a service testing and verifying manufacturers' self-declared environmental claims and Sustainable Products Certification™ (SPC), a service testing and certifying products to accepted industry standards for environmental sustainability. ULE is developing additional environmental standards, as well as training and advisory services to support organizations in the sustainable products and services industry.

About NAHB Research Center

Located in Upper Marlboro, Md., the NAHB Research Center promotes innovation in housing technology to improve the quality, durability, affordability, and environmental performance of homes and home building products. Created over 40 years ago as a subsidiary of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the NAHB Research Center has established itself as the source for reliable, objective information and research on housing construction and development issues. Through its various testing and certification services, the Research Center seal is internationally-recognized as a mark of product quality and an assurance of product performance. Since February 2008, the NAHB Research Center has been administering National Green Building Certification using the NAHB Model Green Home Building Guidelines; in January 2009 the option to have a project scored to the National Green Building Standard became available when the Standard was approved by ANSI.

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