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SHAW INDUSTRIES ACHIEVES SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATIONS WITH PLATINUM, GOLD NSF-140 SUSTAINABLE CARPET STANDARD

DALTON, GA – December 4, 2008 – Shaw Industries announces the certification of its Ultraloc Pattern, Teklok, EcoLogix and EcoWorx commercial product systems under the Sustainable Carpet Standard NSF-140.

The first American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-approved multi-attribute environmental standard for building materials in the United States, NSF-140 is a measure of a carpet's sustainable attributes for commercial designers and end-users.

According to Shaw's Commercial Director of Sustainability Jeff West, "The certification of Shaw's commercial product systems under NSF-140 is further evidence of Shaw products' ability to successfully meet the exacting requirements of multi-attribute lifecycle evaluations."

Shaw's commercial product systems achieved the following certification levels:

Platinum Certification

- EcoWorx – high performance, PVC-free, completely recyclable Cradle to Cradle tile backing with 40 percent recycled content.
- EcoWorx Broadloom and EcoWorx Performance Broadloom – high performance, completely recyclable Cradle to Cradle broadloom backing.
- EcoLogix – Cushioned carpet tile backing made with 88 percent post-consumer recycled content.

Gold Certification

- Ultraloc Pattern – High performance broadloom backing with superior delamination strength.
- Teklok – High performance anti-microbial broadloom backing with superior delamination strength.

"NSF-140 is a strong complement to Shaw's EcoWorx Cradle to Cradle Silver Certification," West said. "Customers can now measure our products against the highly demanding multi-industry, multi-attribute Cradle to Cradle certification standard and the NSF-140 industry standard."

“Another thorough assessment of Shaw carpet’s sustainable attributes, Cradle to Cradle certification is a process performed by McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry (MBDC),” West stated. “Shaw is the only carpet manufacturer to date to meet the rigorous requirements of the Cradle to Cradle program, and Cradle to Cradle design is a driving force behind our company-wide commitment to Sustainability through Innovation™, which is what we call the Shaw Green Edge®.”

“NSF-140 certification is further evidence of that commitment and another positive step towards sustainability for our entire industry,” he added.

Shaw offers NSF 140 certified products through Shaw Contract Group and The New Patcraft & Designweave.

About Cradle to Cradle

Cradle to Cradle design eliminates the concept of waste while drastically reducing the use of virgin raw materials and preventing resources from entering landfills. In Shaw’s Cradle to Cradle system, EcoWorx carpet backing and Eco Solution Q fiber are separated, broken down and recycled in a closed loop process, returning those materials back into their original state as backing and fiber that are virtually indistinguishable from virgin products.

The Shaw Green Edge

Sustainability through Innovation™ That’s the Shaw Green Edge®. It’s our commitment to create the most beautiful – and sustainable – flooring in the world. And to help create a better planet for our customers, our people and our communities in the process.

Rooted in our drive to continuously improve every aspect of our business, the Shaw Green Edge guides everything we do, every day – from maintaining the highest ethical standards to safeguarding the health and well-being of our people and our communities, to conserving energy and water and recycling raw materials, to designing cradle to cradle products that can be remanufactured over and over again.

Because setting the standard for environmental excellence, social responsibility and product design is more than our responsibility. It’s also good business. And it’s our legacy.

About Shaw Industries

Shaw Industries Group, Inc., a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., is the world’s largest carpet manufacturer and a leading floor covering provider with more than \$5 billion in annual sales and approximately 29,000 associates. Headquartered in Dalton, Ga., the company manufactures and distributes carpeting, rugs, hardwood, laminate and ceramic tile for residential and commercial product applications worldwide. A recognized leader in environmental stewardship, Shaw has implemented hundreds of sustainability initiatives and cradle to cradle design solutions collectively termed the Shaw Green Edge. For more information, visit www.shawgreedge.com.

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