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AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS AND BUILDING EXPERTS VOW TO CONTINUE THE PUSH TO FIX LEED

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 20, 2012) – *The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) recently announced that it will delay the balloting of LEED 2012, now called LEED v4, until June 2013. A group of diverse interests in energy-efficient buildings and construction recognizes this positive step toward improving the LEED process; however, the group vows to continue its push for much needed improvements at USGBC:*

“USGBC has made the right decision to delay the balloting of LEED v4. It should be the first step of many to correct serious problems that remain in the process for developing LEED. This additional time should be used to open the LEED decision making process and allow for a true consensus-based approach leading to an actual ANSI standard. We hope that over the next year, USGBC will welcome input from a broader array of material suppliers and incorporate building science into the LEED credit system. We are prepared to work with USGBC to help develop high-performance building standards rooted in science that will promote lifecycle approaches and advance energy efficiency and sustainability.

“Our organizations will not cease their efforts to improve the LEED process until USGBC embraces openness, balanced interests on committees and true consensus, and provides a meaningful opportunity to consider scientific comments.”

This joint statement is issued by the American Chemistry Council, the American Coal Ash Association, the Adhesive and Sealant Council, the Polyisocyanurate Manufacturers Association, the Center for Environmental Innovation in Roofing, the American Architectural Manufacturers Association, SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association, the Vinyl Siding Institute, Inc., the Vinyl Institute, the Resilient Floor Covering Institute, the Vinyl Building Coalition, EPDM Roofing Association, the EPS Industry Alliance, the National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association, the Plastic Pipe & Fittings Association, the Window & Door Manufacturers Association, the American Supply Association, the Flexible Vinyl Alliance, CropLife America, the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates, the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, the Carpet & Rug Institute, the Chemical Fabrics & Film Association, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Industrial Minerals Association—North America, and the American Coatings Association.

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