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IAPMO’s Uniform Evaluation Service Issues ER-826 to Earthbound Corporation

Ontario, Calif. (June 17, 2024) — IAPMO’s Uniform Evaluation Service (UES) is pleased to announce that Earthbound Corporation was granted UES Evaluation Report ER-826 for its Aluminum Plate Extruded (APE) bearing plates to reference the 2021, 2018, 2015, and 2012 editions of the International Building Code® (IBC) and the International Residential Code® (IRC). ER-826 states that the APE bearing plates satisfy applicable code requirements. This allows for the specification of the APE bearing plates by architects, contractors, specifiers, and designers, and approval of installations by code officials. ER-826 also provides code officials with a concise summary of the products’ attributes and documentation of code compliance.

Products recognized with an IAPMO UES evaluation report have successfully undergone evaluation based on applicable requirements within the Uniform Family of Codes and the International Family of Codes, as well as codes published by other entities. UES staff thoroughly examined Earthbound’s information, test reports, calculations, quality control methods, and other materials to determine the products are code compliant.

“UES took the time to intelligently understand our direction and needs during the development of ER-836”, said Thomas Espinosa, Earthbound Corporation president. “The UES technical review process to properly evaluate our product is stringent, however, we appreciate the thoroughness of what they do. Having a properly vetted evaluation report is a testament to the value of the product for the industry to count on. Earthbound Corporation will continue to use IAPMO services for all our product evaluations.”

The UES program is built upon IAPMO’s more than 70 years of experience in evaluating products for code compliance. Accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the program operates under ISO/IEC 17065, “General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems.

IAPMO’s UES offers a full range of recognition opportunities, including recognition for the applicable national model codes, as well as Florida, California, city of Los Angeles, and various other state and local codes. By combining all of these recognitions into one concise report prepared by an internationally recognized product certification body, the UES program reduces costs and increases value.

“Earthbound Corporation can now reference ER-826 for its APE bearing plates to ensure that building officials can reference this information for their decision on approval.” said UES Senior Engineer Rafael Donado. “Our program stands out because of excellent customer service and the utilization of in-house staff engineers with technical expertise.”

ABOUT IAPMO’S UNIFORM ES

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO®) coordinates the development and adoption of plumbing, mechanical, swimming pool, and solar energy codes to meet the specific needs of individual jurisdictions both in the United States and abroad. IAPMO Uniform ES (UES) is one of the prominent evaluation service providers (as noted by SEAOC and others). UES reports provide evidence that products and systems satisfy code requirements within the scope and conditions of use as noted in each report.

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