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**IAPMO's Uniform Evaluation Service Issues ER-2193 to RIO PLASTICS, Inc.**

**Ontario, Calif. (August 1, 2013)** — IAPMO's Uniform Evaluation Service (UES) is pleased to announce that Texas-based RIO PLASTICS, Inc., was granted UES Evaluation Report ER-2193 to reference the 2012, 2009 and 2006 *International Building Code*® (IBC), the 2012, 2009 and 2006 *International Residential Code*®(IRC) and the 1997 *Uniform Building Code (UBC)*. ER-2193 states that AquaSwim-N-Spa Prefabricated SwimSpa shells satisfy applicable code requirements. This allows for the specification of AquaSwim-N-Spa Prefabricated SwimSpa shells by architects, contractors, specifiers, designers and approval of installations by code officials. It also provides code officials with a concise summary of the product's attributes and documentation of code compliance.

Products recognized under the Uniform Evaluation Service 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 AquaSwim-N-Spa Prefabricated SwimSpa shells product information, test reports, calculations, quality control methods and other factors to determine the product is code compliant.

"RIO PLASTICS, Inc. is extremely pleased with ER-2193 on our AquaSwim-N-Spa Prefabricated SwimSpa shells," said Carl Meyer the President of Rio Plastics. "We are impressed that UES actually does what they say they will do. IAPMO and their certification scheme allows the use of third party inspection agencies, allowing us to maintain our long standing relationship with Smith-Emery Labs. Richard, Brian, Rafael and Karen have all been extremely responsive and helpful through the entire process. In fact the whole process reminded me of the way it was years ago. Rio Plastics is proud to be building a relationship with UES."

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 Guide 65, "General Requirements for Bodies Operating Product Certification Systems."

UES Director Richard Beck, PE, CBO, MCP, explains why Uniform Evaluation Reports are so valuable: "RIO PLASTICS, Inc. can now reference its ER-2193 on AquaSwim-N-Spa Prefabricated SwimSpa shells to ensure that code officials quickly have the information required for their decision on approval. Our program also stands out because of stellar customer service and the utilization of in-house staff along with the technical expertise of professional engineering firms, who are leaders in each area of recognition."

IAPMO's UES offers a full range of recognition opportunities, including recognition for the applicable national model codes, as well as Florida, California and various other state codes. The UES program lowers the cost and increases the value to code officials of these reports by combining all of these recognitions in one concise report prepared by an internationally recognized product certification body.

**ABOUT IAPMO'S UNIFORM ES**

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) coordinates the development and adaptation 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 two prominent evaluation service providers (as noted by SEAOC, see [Uniform-ES.org](http://Uniform-ES.org) for details). UES reports provide evidence that products and systems satisfy code requirements within the scope and conditions of use as noted in each report.

For more information on IAPMO Uniform ES, direct your Web browser to [www.Uniform-ES.org](http://www.Uniform-ES.org) or contact Karen Snowden (909) 472-4105 or [Karen.Snowden@iapmoes.org](mailto:Karen.Snowden@iapmoes.org).

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