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RE: **TK&A's Product Transparency & Chemicals of Concern Disclosure**

Dear Product Manufacturer:

Tsoi/Kobus & Associates is dedicated to making environmentally conscious decisions regarding the architectural products we specify; thus, it is critical to have access to transparent data regarding chemical content and health impacts, as well as life cycle impacts, performance, and maintenance issues of various products. With the launch of [LEED \(v4\)](#), it is imperative to evaluate products by these criteria to deliver quality buildings that meet our client's LEED aspirations. Our firm-wide mission is to build the capability to evaluate these criteria, and we need your help to meet this goal!

One tool we readily incorporate is [Pharos Project](#). We encourage you to engage this tool so we as industry partners may deliver healthier buildings to end users. Manufacturers providing full, transparent disclosure of their product content are the most helpful to our designers who benefit from increased access to quick information. Another key initiative is the [Health Product Declaration Collaborative™](#). This asks material manufacturers to adopt the Health Product Declaration (HPD) as a voluntary, open standard for reporting product content and health information, so products can be compared consistently. In lieu of HPD's, we also accept [REACH](#) products without substances of high concern, [GreenScreen \(v1.2\)](#) products inventoried to 100ppm without Benchmark hazards, and [Cradle to Cradle Certified^{CM}](#) Products (v2 Basic/v3 Bronze or higher), as viable HPD alternatives.

Moving forward, we request that you provide TK&A with publicly accessible EPD's, HPD's, and/or other acceptable product declarations for all your primary products. Preference in our product library and vendor access to the firm (i.e. CEU presentations) will be granted based on the ability to demonstrate such content transparency through these means. As we integrate this data with our practice, we together commit to creating environments that enhance human experience and preserve human health. Should your company be new to these concepts, we welcome a dialogue to explore these concepts, as well as encourage you to outline for us your efforts towards such achievement. Thank you for helping meet this global imperative!


Sincerely,

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