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VERIFICATION PLAN – ROUND 2011-01 January 2011

Product Verification Committee

I. PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT

This plan describes the verification process to be used in the first EPEAT Verification Round for 2011, including the criteria that will be verified, the number of products to be verified for each criterion, and the method of verification for each.

The products and subscribers to be verified are not specifically identified. The intent is for the PVC to be blind to the specific product and subscriber about which they are making decisions. This information will be known by the staff and the Qualified Verifier, but will not be provided to the PVC until after completion of the initial conformance/non-conformance findings of the Round. However, when subscribers present specific information to the PVC regarding a decision, the subscriber and product will be revealed to the PVC in order to resolve any issues.

II. PRODUCT VERIFICATION COMMITTEE

Following are the members of the PVC:

Patty Dillon, Dillon Environmental Associates

Jack Geibig, Director, Center for Clean Products, University of Tennessee

Jim Arnold, Technical and Program Management Consultant, Rissa Studios

III. QUALIFIED VERIFIERS

Following are the members of the Qualified Verifier (QV) team:

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Consultant

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EcoStewardship Strategies

Stephen Greene, Principal
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Kim Holmes
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IV. CHARACTERISTICS OF ROUND 2011-01

Round 2011-01 will investigate one required criterion and one optional criterion in the area of Packaging. The two criteria are:

- 4.8.3.1 Required - Declaration of recycled content.
- 4.8.3.2 Optional - Minimum postconsumer content guidelines.

This Round is conducted under the revised IEEE 1680 and 1680.1 standard including the new international registry representing 41 countries. These criteria will be investigated on a randomly selected product from all subscribers for which these criteria are applicable. All aspects of the requirements of these criteria will be investigated using level one investigations unless information discovered during the investigation points to further investigation.

V. SELECTION OF PRODUCTS AND CRITERIA FOR VERIFICATION

Round 2011-01 will investigate two criteria-- 4.8.3.1 and 4.8.3.2 -- for randomly selected applicable products from each subscriber. One reason these two criteria were chosen is that to date, they have not been verified.

Criterion 4.8.3.1 is a required criterion with a text box for data entry. Due to the fact that this text box holds radically different information across subscribers, there is a concern that the correct information is not being reported.

A total of 45 investigations will be conducted. This is equal to the number of subscribers on the EPEAT Registry with products applicable to these criteria minus two Subscribers that are still involved with Verification Round 2010-06. 25 of the subscribers will be verified to the required criterion 4.8.3.1 and 20 of the subscribers will be verified to the optional criterion 4.8.3.2.

1. A snapshot will be taken of the Registry prior to the start of the Verification Round.
2. This Verification Round Plan lists the two criteria that will be verified and the method of verification that will be used.
3. This Verification Round will begin directly after the snapshot of the Registry is taken. At that time, the product for investigation for each subscriber will be selected by EPEAT staff and Qualified Verifiers will immediately begin the investigation.

Possible Out-of-Sequence Selections

In the event of special circumstances, the PVC may, at its prerogative, decide to schedule an additional investigation(s) at any time, including while this Verification Round is in progress. If the PVC determines that such investigation should be included as a part of this Verification Round, this Verification Round Plan will be amended and reissued without disrupting the timing of the other verification investigations.

VI. INVESTIGATION ASSIGNMENTS

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The following Qualified Verifiers will investigate the criteria:

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- Kim Holmes
- Kelley Keogh
- Carson Maxted

ROUND 2011-01 INVESTIGATIONS

Criterion		Verification Selection and Process	Number of Investigations
4.8.3.1	Required— Declaration of recycled content	This criterion was chosen because it has not yet been verified. 25 products will be randomly selected for verification out of a list of all Subscribers (not being verified to 4.8.3.2). Criterion 4.8.3.1 is a required criterion with a text box for data entry. Due to the fact that this text box holds radically different information across subscribers, there is a concern that the correct information is not being reported.	25
4.8.3.2	Optional— Minimum postconsumer content guidelines	This criterion was chosen because it has not yet been verified. 20 products will be randomly selected for verification out of a list of all subscribers that have declared this criterion.	20
Total number of investigations			45