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VERIFICATION PLAN – ROUND 2011-04 July 2011

Product Verification Committee

I. PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT

This plan describes the verification process to be used in the fourth 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 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:

Patricia Atherton
Consultant

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EcoStewardship Strategies

Stephen Greene, Principal
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Kim Holmes
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IV. CHARACTERISTICS OF ROUND 2011-04

Round 2011-04 will investigate one optional criterion. The criterion is:

- 4.4.2.2 Optional – Modular design.

This Round is conducted under the revised IEEE 1680 and 1680.1 standard including the international registry representing 41 countries. This criterion will be investigated due to the likelihood that this criterion is being declared inappropriately. All aspects of the requirements of this criterion 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 2011-04 will investigate criterion 4.4.2.2 for notebooks with a screen size of less than 11 inches. One product will be chosen from each subscriber with a product fitting into this category.

Criterion 4.4.2.2 was selected for two reasons. First, this criterion has not been verified since the very first EPEAT Verification Round. Second, concern has been expressed that this criterion is not being claimed appropriately or consistently by Subscribers. Despite the issuance of a clarification for 4.4.2.2 in January 2010 (<http://www.epeat.net/verification-clarifications/>), several Subscribers continue to voice concern that this criterion is inappropriately declared by some Subscribers. This Verification Round will identify inconsistencies in product declarations to this criterion and take actions, as needed, to bring products into conformance with this criterion. A total of 21 investigations will be conducted. These 21 investigations represent Subscribers claiming 4.4.2.2 for notebooks with screen sizes under 11 inches.

1. A snapshot will be taken of the Registry prior to the start of the Verification Round.
2. This Verification Round Plan lists the criterion 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.

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VI. INVESTIGATION ASSIGNMENTS

The following Qualified Verifiers will investigate the criteria:

- Patricia Atherton
- Kim Holmes
- Kelley Keogh
- Carson Maxted

ROUND 2011-04 INVESTIGATIONS

Criterion		Verification Selection and Process	Number of Investigations
4.4.2.2	Optional – Modular design.	Criterion 4.4.2.2 was selected for two reasons. First, because it had not been verified since the very first EPEAT Verification Round. Second, concern has been expressed that this criterion is not being claimed appropriately or consistently by Subscribers. A total of 21 investigations will be conducted. These 21 investigations represent Subscribers claiming 4.4.2.2 for notebooks with screen sizes under 11 inches.	21
Total number of investigations			21