Ruling of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Pursuant to Section 29(1)(a) of the Building Code Act, 1992, the Director of the Building and Development Branch, as delegate of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the “Minister”), hereby approves the use of Nordic Lam™ subject to the following terms and conditions:

Minister Ruling No: 07-02-160 (13216-R)
File No: 06-21
Issued February 5, 2007

1. MANUFACTURER

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2. MANUFACTURING FACILITIES

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3. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

(a) Nordic Lam™ can serve as beams and columns and is approved in respect of Section 4.1 and 4.3. and Article 9.23.4.2., of the 1997 Ontario Building Code, Ontario Regulation 403/97 (the “Building Code”) as amended or remade from time to time;

(b) Notwithstanding condition 3(a) of this ruling, floor loading/span tables shall only list acceptable limits for Nordic Lam™ that conform to Sentence 4.1.1.6.(1). of the Building Code;

(c) The Nordic Lam™ shall comply with the Building Code Act, 1992; and except as specifically provided otherwise in this ruling, with the Building Code;
(d) The use of the Nordic Lam™ must be in accordance with Canadian Construction Materials Centre (the "CCMC") Evaluation Report No. CCMC 13216-R (the "Evaluation Report") issued on April 12, 2006 provided that the references in that report to the model National Building Code of Canada, 1995, included those listed in column 1 below, shall be deemed references to the Ontario Building Code listed in column 2 below, as described in the following table;

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(e) A copy of this ruling shall be attached to the application for a building permit, and;

(f) This ruling is valid only for products manufactured at the facilities outlined in Section 2. (Manufacturing Facilities) of this ruling.

4. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Minister or his/her delegate may amend or revoke this Ruling if:

(a) the Evaluation Report is amended by the CCMC;

(b) the Evaluation Report expires in accordance with the CCMC’s General Conditions for Evaluation Reports;

(c) the Evaluation Report is rendered void in accordance with the CCMC’s General Conditions for Evaluation Reports by reason of alterations to the product or relocation of manufacturing facilities, described in the Evaluation Report, without prior agreement by the CCMC;

(d) the Evaluation Report is withdrawn by the CCMC in accordance with the CCMC’s General Conditions for Evaluation Reports where, in the opinion of the CCMC:
(i) the level of performance, in-situ, of the product described in the Evaluation Report is unsatisfactory;

(ii) the proponent of such product fails to fulfil its obligations as set out in the CCMC's General Conditions for Evaluation Reports; or

(iii) such product may pose any danger to the health or safety of the user of such product;

(e) the Minister or his/her delegate determines that the use of the material, system or building design authorized by this ruling:

(i) will not comply with the Building Code Act, 1992 or any relevant law as they may be amended or re-enacted from time to time; or

(ii) provides an unsatisfactory level of performance, in situ; or

(f) any provision of the Building Code relevant to this ruling is amended or remade.

Dated at Toronto This 5th Day of February 2007

David Brezer, P.Eng, MBA
Director, Building and Development Branch