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KAWNEER'S UPDATED LEED PLANNING TOOL AFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PRACTICES

Planning Tool Features the Latest Information on Requirements and Products to Help Architects Navigate the Complex LEED Certification Process

NORCROSS, GA -- Kawneer Company, Inc., the leading manufacturer of architectural aluminum building products and systems for commercial construction, today announced the latest version of its LEED Planning Tool. Designed for use with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, the tool provides the most current and accurate information, more precise product recommendations, and is more closely aligned with LEED for New Construction Version 2.2, making it easier for architects to navigate the complex certification process.

As the requirements for LEED certification become more defined and stringent, it is critical that architects have the most up-to-date information as they go through the design and development stage. Designed as a working instrument, Kawneer's LEED Planning Tool guides users to specific Kawneer products and solutions that can help in achieving LEED certification goals. The latest version of the tool includes fine-tuned product offerings and updated LEED requirements. The tool ties specific strategies to specific products and features sections for "Potential Points" and "Earned Points" based on the recommended products/principles for each LEED category. This allows users to estimate the amount of points that projects can earn and track their progress toward certification.

"Since we first introduced Kawneer's LEED Planning Tool, it has served as a valuable resource for architects," said Henry Taylor, manager of Kawneer's Architectural Services Team. "The tool is comprehensive, easy-to-use, and provides specific recommendations, which helps with the overall certification process. Kawneer will continue to regularly update the tool, ensuring that architects have the most timely resources available."

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Kawneer is dedicated to developing products and systems that comply with LEED standards and promote integrated, whole-building design practices. Its LEED Planning Tool adds to the company's already significant focus on sustainability. In addition to its sun control, photovoltaic and thermal product lines, Kawneer's Architectural Services Team (AST) is available to help with product applications and technical assistance. Kawneer is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the industry group that developed LEED.

The updated LEED Planning Tool can be downloaded at Kawneer.com or requested through the "Contact Us" link on the website. Kawneer customers and architects can also obtain a copy of the tool by contacting their local sales representative.

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With more than 100 years of innovation and experience, Kawneer North America is headquartered in Norcross, GA, and is the leading manufacturer of architectural aluminum products and systems for the commercial construction industry. Kawneer is part of Alcoa's global Building and Construction Systems (BCS) business unit headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. Alcoa BCS manufactures and markets architectural systems and products in North America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Alcoa is the world's leading producer and manager of primary aluminum, and alumina facilities, and is active in all major aspects of the industry. For more information on Kawneer or its products, please visit www.kawneer.com.