



Press Call

Building rating tools - Memorandum of Understanding signing

Tuesday 3rd March 2009, 4.30-4.45pm

The Atkins Theatre, EcoBuild'09, Earls Court

Common Language for Carbon in Sight: Leading Rating Tool Providers to Sign MOU

A landmark Memorandum of Understanding between BREEAM, LEED and Green Star and the UK Green Building Council will be signed on Tuesday at EcoBuild'09 in Earls Court, London.

Green Star is developed and administered by the Green Building Council Australia, and the LEED Green Building Rating System is developed and managed by the U.S. Green Building Council,

To map and develop common metrics to measure emissions of CO₂ from homes and buildings

A working group formed of representatives from each of the rating tools will develop common metrics, and seek to align the tools and provide consistency in measurement.

Paul King, Chief Executive of the UK Green Building Council said:

"The way in which we construct and operate buildings accounts for a significant proportion of the emissions contributing to climate change globally. Rating tools like BREEAM, LEED and Green Star have a proven track record in driving significant improvements in performance. We are delighted they are now coming together to help create an international standard that will enable us to talk with one voice about the vital role green buildings play in our carbon future."

Romilly Madew, Chief Executive of the Green Building Council of Australia said:

"Climate change is a global problem, so it is vital we find a global solution. Residential and commercial buildings contribute 23 per cent of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions. This MoU demonstrates Australia's commitment to ensure buildings play their part in any approach to address climate change."

Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO and Founding Chairman of the US Green Building Council said:

"The MOU sets the stage for true progress by focusing on performance that is measurable and verifiable. As we work to alleviate the role buildings play in climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the United States - it's vital that we do so in a consistent, reliable way."

Carol Atkinson, Chief Executive of BRE Global, BRE Global Ltd said:



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"This is a terrific opportunity for the major international system providers to move towards common carbon metrics."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Paul King chairs the World Green Building Council International Policy Task Force, which is looking at ways market mechanisms, such as rating tools, can complement policy interventions to drive carbon reductions from buildings around the world in run up to the climate change negotiations in Copenhagen in December.

The MOU signing will take place directly after the UK-GBC conference session "Green Building on the World Stage" which starts at 3.30pm on 3rd March. Rick Fedrizzi, USGBC President, CEO, and Founding Chairman, will be speaking at this event.

Photos of the MOU signing will be available from 4th March.

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