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ICC EVALUATION SERVICE AND UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES, GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED LEADERS IN PRODUCT EVALUATION AND CERTIFICATION, INTRODUCE DUAL PMG LISTING PROGRAM

Northbrook, Ill., October 29, 2009 – ICC Evaluation Service, Inc.® (ICC-ES®) and Underwriters Laboratories (UL) have established a Dual PMG Listing Program for plumbing, mechanical, and fuel gas (PMG) products. The purpose of the program is to provide code officials and construction professionals with a reliable means to verify that PMG products comply with applicable codes and standards.

Jeff Smith, General Manager of UL's Global Water & Food Business, announced the program by saying, "This strategic alliance leverages the shared strengths of UL and ICC-ES: credibility, integrity, technical expertise, and brand recognition. The dual PMG listing program provides manufacturers and regulators with a one-stop resource for determining the code compliance and standards compliance of PMG products. We at UL are excited to be working with ICC-ES to bring added value and convenience to this industry."

Mark Johnson, president of ICC-ES, observed, "UL's reputation for product safety, combined with ICC-ES's nearly eighty years of experience in evaluating products for code compliance, means this program will provide regulators and manufacturers with a service of outstanding quality. The program will also be recognized globally."

John LaTorra, Building and Inspection Manager, Redwood City, CA explained, "Developing alliances and combining strengths is critical to our industry. This cooperation will provide the code official with complete confidence that the listed product complies with the requirements of the recognized standard in the code."

Manufacturers of PMG products who take advantage of this alliance will benefit from the combined strengths of ICC-ES and UL. Specifically, the program will provide:

- A comprehensive scheme for the testing, inspection, certification, and listing of PMG products, with independent listings covering both code compliance and compliance with applicable technical standards, from two highly reputable organizations.
- Ready acceptance of products by authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs), due to the high recognition of the ICC-ES and UL marks.
- Ability to leverage the strength of the ICC-ES and UL brands.
- A choice in service providers to show compliance through listing to both the *International Plumbing Code* (IPC) and the *Uniform Plumbing Code* (UPC).
- Acceptance of products nationally and internationally, wherever the IPC or the UPC codes have been adopted. Additionally, products evaluated to the National Plumbing Code of Canada (NPCC) are suitable for installation in Canada. The International Code Council® (ICC®), the parent organization of ICC-ES, publishes the International Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes, which to-date have been adopted in 47 states at either the state or local jurisdiction level and countries including Mexico, Jamaica, Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi.

- Demonstration of product compliance to the new low-lead requirements in the California Health and Safety Code.
- Demonstration of product compliance to the U.S. EPA WaterSenseSM requirements (as applicable).
- An easier way of doing business, through one point of contact for both ICC-ES and UL listings.
- Wider exposure for PMG products, through the network of ICC-ES and UL customers, media channels, and corporate partnerships.
- Use of both the trusted ICC-ES PMG Mark and the highly regarded UL Plumbing Mark.

Code officials, will also benefit from the Dual PMG Listing Program, through:

- Added assurance that PMG products meet the rigorous testing and evaluation requirements of both ICC-ES and UL.
- Simultaneous posting of approved products on the websites of both ICC-ES and UL.
- Access to UL's code correlation database, the only database of its kind in the industry (www.ul.com/regulators/codelink). This database directly connects the listings with specific code sections, to assist AHJs in the acceptance of certified products, and allow designers and installers to readily find code-complying products.

The International Code Council® (ICC®), the parent company of ICC-ES, publishes the International Plumbing, Mechanical and Fuel Gas Codes, which have been adopted in 47 states at either the state or local level. Between them, ICC and ICC-ES have on staff a full range of PMG product experts, and professional engineers with product evaluation experience. For anyone interested in PMG products, and the compliance of those products with codes and standards, ICC and ICC-ES offer a full range of resources—from code books and electronic media, to specialized training and certification services. And now there is also a dual PMG listing program with UL that will ease the approval of PMG products for use in the field.

UL's drinking water and plumbing product certification program is fully accredited in the United States and Canada and is recognized by the U.S. EPA as well as all states and cities in the United States that have adopted their own water product certification requirements. Serving manufacturers around the world, UL tests and certifies drinking water treatment chemical additives, system components (fixture fittings, valves and gaskets, tanks and coatings), treatment units (chillers, coolers, and water softeners), and plastic piping system components and related materials. UL is also an approved certifier of water products that meet the criteria of the EPA's WaterSenseSM program, which identifies and promotes the use of water-efficient products.

For more information on the ICC/ES – UL Dual PMG Listing Program visit <http://www.ul.com/global/eng/pages/corporate/contactus/faq/industries/plumbingagreement/> or <http://www.icc-es.org/pmg>

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