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**UL ENVIRONMENT TO DEVELOP STANDARDS DEFINING  
SUSTAINABLE ROOFING MATERIALS AND THERMAL INSULATION**

*New standards follow initiatives to define sustainable building materials*

**NORTHBROOK, Ill., December 8, 2009** – UL Environment, Inc. (ULE), a global leader in environmental evaluation and certification programs, announces a collaborative effort to develop sustainability standards for thermal insulation and roof covering materials. These standards will establish environmental requirements for products and associated parts based on life cycle assessment of raw materials, production, distribution, use and disposal.

“UL Environment’s standards will supplement the energy efficiency benefits of roofing and insulation by addressing and incorporating multiple aspects of sustainability,” said Steve Wenc, President, ULE. “Our sustainability standards will establish guidelines for the development of more environmentally-friendly roofing and insulation products and help builders and consumers identify sustainable options for these key building components.”

ULE’s standards will include rolled, board, loose-fill, sprayed-in-place and other types of thermal insulation made of a variety of materials. Components such as shingles, tile, and roof panels will be addressed in the ULE roof covering standards, as well as EPDM (ethylene propylene diene monomer), KEE (ketone ethylene ester), TPO (thermoplastic polyolefin) and other polymeric materials.

ULE’s new sustainability standards will be developed through a balanced, collaborative process and draw on input from UL Environment Standard Technical Panels (STPs) comprised of stakeholders such as manufacturers, product installers, distributors, users, consumer interest groups, government entities and testing organizations. These standards will set minimum environmental requirements and create a progressive and tiered approach allowing sustainability leaders to highlight their achievements.

ULE's standards will complement existing credible and applicable single-attribute sustainability guidelines for roofing and thermal insulation. ULE's standards development effort for roofing and thermal insulation continues the organization's standards work around sustainable building materials, and follows the announcement of ULE standards initiatives defining sustainable doors, mineral and fiber board, ceiling systems, stone, ceramic, clay and glass, windows, building and glazing materials and associated hardware.

ULE expects initial drafts of its sustainability standards to be completed in 2010. For more information, visit [www.ulenvironment.com](http://www.ulenvironment.com).

**About UL Environment, Inc.**

UL Environment (ULE) is helping support the growth and development of sustainable products and services in the global marketplace through standards development and independent third-party assessment and certification. ULE is a wholly owned subsidiary of Underwriters Laboratories, a global leader in conformity assessment that has been testing products and writing standards for more than a century. ULE currently offers Environmental Claims Validation (ECV), a service testing and verifying manufacturers' self-declared environmental claims and Sustainable Products Certification (SPC), a service testing and certifying products to accepted industry standards for environmental sustainability. ULE is developing additional environmental standards, as well as training and advisory services to support organizations in the sustainable products and services industry.

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