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Anderson Ups GREENGUARD® Certification

With Children & SchoolsSM Indoor Air Quality Recognition

Clinton, SC. - All Anderson hardwood flooring products are now GREENGUARD Children & SchoolsSM Certified, and are now listed on the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI) [website](#). As an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving public health and quality of life through programs that reduce chemical exposure and improve indoor air quality, GEI created the GREENGUARD Children & Schools Certification Program to recognize companies whose products meet or exceed stringent requirements for low chemical emissions.

To achieve GREENGUARD Children & Schools Certification, Anderson hardwoods were screened for more than 10,000 different volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and were verified to meet the required California chronic reference exposure levels including 13.5 parts per billion formaldehyde. To maintain certification, Anderson's hardwoods will be re-tested according to these strict standards on an ongoing basis. This means that GREENGUARD Children & Schools Certified products don't just meet the low-emitting flooring requirements of the LEED® Green Building Rating System, but greatly exceed them.

“Anderson's achievement of GREENGUARD Children & Schools Certification demonstrates a solid commitment to occupant health and sustainability. Though

indoor air quality affects everyone, children are especially at risk for negative effects of chemical exposure. Selecting GREENGUARD Children & Schools Certified products is an easy way to ensure that children and other sensitive individuals are surrounded by products that have been scientifically proven to be healthier for indoor air," said Henning Bloech, executive director of GEI.

"We were pleased to be the first hardwood flooring manufacturer to earn GEI's GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certification on all our brands and now to be recognized for meeting their prestigious GREENGUARD Children & Schools standard makes us even prouder," said Don Finkell, Anderson's President. "This achievement not only reinforces Anderson's commitment to optimum indoor air quality, but also insures these hardwood styles are eligible for low emission credit under the respective commercial and residential LEED certification programs." To learn more about Anderson's legacy of environmental stewardship visit

<http://www.andersonfloors.com/About/sustainability.aspx>

About GREENGUARD Environmental Institute (GEI)

The GREENGUARD Environmental Institute aims to protect human health and improve quality of life by enhancing indoor air quality and reducing people's exposure to chemicals and other pollutants. As an ISO-IEC Guide 65:1996 accredited, third-party organization, the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute certifies products and materials for low chemical emissions and provides a resource for choosing healthier products and materials for indoor environments. All certified products must meet stringent chemical emissions standards based on established criteria from key public health agencies. GREENGUARD Certification is broadly recognized and accepted by sustainable building programs and building codes worldwide. For more information and a complete listing of certified products, visit www.greenguard.org.

About Anderson

Anderson Hardwood, headquartered in Clinton South Carolina, is an independent operating company owned by Shaw Industries, the world's largest carpet manufacturer and a leading floor covering provider. Recognized leaders in environmental stewardship, both Anderson and Shaw have implemented hundreds of sustainability initiatives and cradle-to-cradle design solutions. For more information, visit <http://www.andersonfloors.com>

About Shaw

Shaw Industries Group, Inc., a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., is the world's largest carpet manufacturer and a leading floor covering provider with more than \$5 billion in annual sales and approximately 26,000 associates. Headquartered in Dalton, Ga., the company manufactures and distributes carpeting, rugs, hardwood, laminate and ceramic tile for residential and commercial applications worldwide. For more information, visit www.shawfloors.com.

