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Tandus Centiva Releases Seven EPDs for Modular and Hybrid Resilient Flooring

Tandus Centiva, a Tarkett company, has published seven Environmental Product Declarations to further enhance transparency, accountability and third party validation for its modular and hybrid resilient flooring products. The manufacturer now offers EPDs for modular carpet with a variety of backings: ER3® backing of 100% recycled content, ethos® backing made from the film in recycled windshields, and Flex-Aire® cushion with improved ergonomics and acoustics. In addition, Tandus Centiva developed EPDs for its Powerbond® hybrid resilient sheet flooring cushions: standard Powerbond cushion, ethos® cushion, ER3® cushion, and Medfloor® cushion with improved rollability for healthcare applications. The EPDs and accompanying Transparency Summaries cover all styles available in the product lines and can be downloaded from the EPD Program Operator, UL Environment, at www.ulenvironment.com, or from Tandus Centiva at www.tandus-centiva.com.

An Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) provides Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) results and other relevant product information in a fact-based, comprehensive report. LCA evaluates a product's environmental impacts throughout its various life stages from raw material sourcing and extraction through end-of-life disposal or recycling and provides a comprehensive picture of the amount of energy, water, and materials consumed in the production and use of a product. EPDs provide manufacturers with a standard method and reporting format for product life cycle data and specifiers with clear, accurate, verified product information to assist them in making informed purchasing decisions.

To develop the EPDs, Tandus Centiva conducted cradle-to-cradle Life Cycle Assessments for the products. The assessments accounted for production at Tandus Flooring facilities in the United States and use of the flooring products in the United States (for US customers) and in Europe (for customers in Europe). PE International, Inc. performed an external peer review of the LCA results. UL Environment, a leading EPD Program Operator and global environmental solutions company, reviewed, verified and registered the EPDs.

“EPDs certified by UL Environment empower purchasers in the pursuit of products with reduced environmental impact,” said Paul Firth, EPD Product Manager at UL Environment. “Certified EPDs show that a manufacturer has made a commitment to provide transparency, backed by the trust of third-party verification and rigor.”

The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED v4 encourages use of products with EPDs. Product-specific, third-party, Type III EPDs such as those Tandus Centiva offers, contribute towards the Material and Resources Credit 2. Tandus Centiva has also certified recycled content of these products through SCS Global Services, and most products are certified to the NSF/ANSI 140 Sustainability Assessment for Carpet at the Gold or Platinum level.

“Tarkett is committed to absolute transparency of our environmentally responsible products and practices,” said Erin Istanbuluoglu, Director of Environmental and Social Stewardship for Tandus Centiva. “Tandus Centiva was the first in the carpet industry to obtain third-party product certifications, the first and only manufacturer to third-party certify our recycling program, and the first to publish an EPD under the new NSF Product Category Rules for Flooring. We are committed to providing important validation tools such as EPDs that provide clear, credible and verifiable information about environmental impacts.”

Tarkett is committed to the Cradle to Cradle principles, using a closed-loop, circular design approach emphasizing four main areas of the product lifecycle: Good Materials - using the best available raw materials that will become technical or biological nutrients at the end of their use; Resource Stewardship – continuous evaluation and improvement of water and energy use; People Friendly Spaces – creating products that contribute to healthy indoor air quality; and Reuse – designing for deconstruction and closed loop recycling. Transparent communication and third party verification of environmental claims allows customers to choose Tarkett flooring solutions with confidence.

About Tandus Centiva

Tandus Centiva's unique line of LVT, Hybrid Resilient, Modular, Broadloom and Woven flooring products offer a true fit-for-purpose approach to enhance spaces for learning, working, healing and living. With industry-leading product design, unrivaled service and a commitment to environmental and social stewardship, Tandus Centiva provides the ultimate flooring experience for our customers. For more information, visit www.tandus-centiva.com.

About Tarkett

With revenue of \$3.0 billion, Tarkett is the world leader for innovative and sustainable solutions for flooring and sports surfaces. Over 10,000 employees and 38 production units serve Tarkett customers in more than 100 countries. Since January 2007, Tarkett has been jointly owned by the Deconinck family (50 percent) and private equity funds affiliated with KKR (50 percent). For more information, visit www.tarkett.com.