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Sustainability E-News

New LEED Pilot Credit for Building Materials

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From the Editor

The Green Building Initiative™ recently announced their August consensus body meetings - part of the development of the Green Globes Building Assessment Protocol update. While Green Globes® is not as widely used as LEED™, it has been a leader in the development of green building provisions. Green Globes was the first green building program to incorporate provisions for acoustic performance, life cycle assessment, and for building service life - provisions that were later incorporated into LEED and other rating programs. If you're interested in learning more about Green Globes standard development, check out the article below for more information. As a consensus document, public participation is always welcomed.

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CODES and STANDARDS NEWS

The U.S. Green Building Council continues to explore new credits for building materials through the LEED Pilot Credit program. Last year they introduced credits on resiliency. Now they have a new one on building materials and hazard exposure. ~Tina

USGBC Launches New LEED Pilot Credit For Building Materials

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Project teams and manufacturers will be encouraged to assess human health related exposure scenarios for products during their installation and use phases, thanks to USGBC's new LEED pilot credit-Building Material Human Hazard & Exposure Assessment. Read more [here](#) or on the [USGBC website](#).

Green Building Initiative Announces August Consensus Body Meetings

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The Green Building Initiative (GBI) has announced the dates of their August meetings:

- Meeting #21 August 9, 2016, from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 ET
- Meeting #22 August 16&17, 2016, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM ET
- Meeting #23 August 31, 2016, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM ET

Any member of the public who would like to attend the meeting should contact the Secretariat, Maria Woodbury, preferably at least 10 days in advance of the meeting for registration information at maria@thegbi.org.

GREEN PRODUCT NEWS

Alternative materials are the subject of both articles below. The first a product expo and the second a new un-fired clay brick. ~Tina

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Living Product Expo: Crafting the Future of Materials

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Designers, manufacturers and CSR professionals will share disruptive ideas that are reshaping the materials landscape. Join in the collaborative design process as we create products that are healthy for people and the environment at the Living Product Expo, September 13 to 15 in Pittsburgh, PA. For more information, click [here](#).

CDC and LafargeHolcim Launch '14Trees' with New Brick Product

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LafargeHolcim and CDC Group plc ('CDC'), the UK's development finance institution, have announced the creation of 14Trees, a joint-venture that aims to accelerate the production and commercialization of Durabrick - an environmentally-friendly, affordable alternative to traditional clay burnt bricks according to [this article](#), especially suited to African countries facing widespread deforestation driven by the demand for wood used in the production of clay burnt bricks.

GREEN BUSINESS NEWS

How Investment in Sustainability Generates Value

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Financial chiefs should make sustainability a top priority in order to improve their company's value and financial results, writes Pierre-Francois Thaler, CEO of EcoVadis. "CFOs have a tremendous opportunity to advocate for sustainability programs and subsequently deliver impactful value to their organizations' bottom lines," he writes in [this article](#).

EDUCATIONAL NEWS

Call for Abstracts for 13th Canadian Masonry Symposium

The 13th Canadian Masonry Symposium (CMS) has announced a call for abstracts. The CMS will be held June 4-7, 2017 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. For more information visit the symposium website at <http://www.13thcms.com/>. The abstract deadline is August 31, 2016.

Call for Papers for Masonry 2018 Symposium: Innovations in Collaborative Research, Development and Applications

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The objective of Masonry 2018 Symposium is to gather and disseminate the latest information on all aspects of the innovations in masonry materials, design, specification, construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation. It will emphasize the application of ASTM standards to those areas, and their coordination with building codes, project specifications, and international standards. The symposium will be held June 26, 2018 in San Diego, CA. For more information, please visit <http://www.astm.org/C07CFP062018>.

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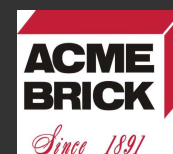


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