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W. P. Hickman Company First to Receive ES-1 Based Underwriters Laboratories Classification for Roof Edge Systems

(Asheville, NC)—The W. P. Hickman Company, a leading manufacturer of perimeter roof edging products, has received the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Classification for roof edge systems, following a complete review of the company's design and manufacturing practices. Hickman is the first company to receive this classification under a new UL evaluation program for roof edge systems.

The UL program incorporates the ANSI/SPRI ES-1 roof edge system testing protocols as required by the 2003 International Building Code. Companies receiving classification are authorized to apply the UL mark to those roof edge system products that 1) have been found to comply with ES-1 requirements and 2) are subject to UL's ongoing audit program requirements.

"We've observed an increased interest in using the ES-1 roof edge standard, both because of the growing number of states which have adopted the 2003 IBC and as a result of the horrific wind events over the past two years," said Dwayne Sloan, Principal Engineer for UL. "UL created the Roof Edge System testing program because we recognized a need for an independent organization which could identify and evaluate ES-1 compliant companies and products."

"Although our products have met ES-1 testing requirements for some time based on our own test results, we believe independent verification is an essential part of proving to architects and owners that they are meeting code and protecting their buildings," said Scott Hickman, CEO of W.P. Hickman Company. "We turned to UL as they are the gold standard for impartial, high caliber testing."

Most Hickman products, including both coping and fascia systems, were tested and received the UL Classification. These products include the Permasnap® coping product family and Econosnap®, Safeguard®, TerminEdge™ and MBED® fascia product lines. Complete systems manufactured and supplied by the Company, including fasteners, were tested. In addition, a UL engineer will return to Hickman periodically to ensure that this process continues to produce ES-1 compliant edge systems.

The new UL category will be included in the voluminous UL Roof Directory, which includes testing for impact, wind resistance and fire. It is also located on their website, www.ul.com.

The ANSI/SPRI ES-1 Wind Design Standard for Edge Systems Used With Low Slope Roofing Systems was created to ensure that roof edge systems could withstand specific wind speeds based on individual building logistics and locations. Different test designs are used to determine the effect of wind pressure on membranes, fascia and coping. It is included as Section 1504.5 of the 2003 International Building Code.

The W. P. Hickman Company, has more than 60 years experience providing high quality, easily installed perimeter edge metal for commercial roofs. Hickman holds more than two dozen U.S. patents for its standard products, and the company prides itself on its ability to manufacture custom projects for unique architectural requirements. For more information, call 800-892-9173 or visit www.wph.com.