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FOAMGLAS® Insulation selected as a BuildingGreen Top-10 Product for 2010

CHICAGO, IL, November 18, 2010 – FOAMGLAS® Insulation from Pittsburgh Corning Corporation has been selected as one of BuildingGreen’s Top-10 products of the year by the editors of *Environmental Building News* and *GreenSpec*®. This ninth annual award recognizes the most innovative and exciting green building products added to the *GreenSpec*® Directory during the past year or covered in *Environmental Building News*.

“Our selections of the Top-10 Green Building Products represent a wide range of product types in many different application areas,” noted BuildingGreen founder and *GreenSpec* executive editor Alex Wilson. This year’s list is particularly diverse, ranging from a decking product made from recycled carpeting, to a window glass with UV-reflective patterning that is highly visible to birds (to minimize collisions), an ingenious toilet that uses a passive vacuum-assist mechanism to achieve excellent performance using just 0.8 gallons, an LED lighting module that offers comparable light quality to that of halogen, and an advanced, cellulose-insulated modular wall system for residential building. “Many of our Top-10 products this year have multiple environmental attributes,” said Wilson.

BuildingGreen’s Top-10 product selections, as in previous years, are drawn primarily from new additions to the company’s *GreenSpec* Product Directory. Over 170 products have been added to the *GreenSpec* database during the past year. “New products are being introduced all the time, making it a challenge for our staff to keep up,” said Wilson. The *GreenSpec* database includes more than 2,200 product listings, representing several times as many actual products. A big driver in the development of green products continues to be the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED® Rating System (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), which awards points for the use of certain product types or for the energy or water savings that certain green products can achieve. “Designers of LEED buildings are looking for green products, and manufacturers are responding,” said Wilson. In the online version of *GreenSpec*, users can find products organized by LEED credits.

FOAMGLAS® Insulation from Pittsburgh Corning

FOAMGLAS® insulation is noncombustible (without using flame retardants), resistant to corrosion in any environment, resistant to termites and rodents, dimensionally stable, and has a high compressive strength. Because of its closed-cell and inorganic structure, it will not support the growth of mold, fungi, or microorganisms. When installed as recommended with bitumen sealant or another suitable adhesive, FOAMGLAS® insulation also serves as a radon, air, and vapor barrier. The insulation value of FOAMGLAS® insulation remains stable for the lifecycle of the building, making it the most reliable energy performer.

It is available in flat or tapered sheets, either unfaced or faced with a bitumen impregnated sheet. A highly flexible Pittsburgh Corning acrylic latex coating reinforced with a fabric mesh can also be applied over the FOAMGLAS® insulation surface creating a superior weather barrier for exterior applications.

GreenSpec is the leading national directory of green building products. Products are selected based on criteria developed over the past 18 years. Manufacturers do not pay to be listed in *GreenSpec*, and neither *GreenSpec* nor *Environmental Building News* carry advertising; both are supported by users of the information. “Our policy of not accepting money from product manufacturers allows us to be objective in our review of products,” said Wilson. The *GreenSpec* product database is also available online as part of the *BuildingGreen Suite*.

Other BuildingGreen resources include *Environmental Building News*, the oldest and most widely respected newsletter in the green building field, and *LEEDuser.com*, a resource for teams pursuing certification through the LEED Rating System. BuildingGreen celebrates its 25th year in business this year. For information on BuildingGreen resources, visit

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