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ASC PROPOSES MODIFICATIONS TO ASTM SEALANTS GUIDE

ASC Collaborates with ASTM C-24 Sealants; ASTM D-14 Adhesives Terms Are Balloted

January 20, 2012 – Bethesda, MD – The Adhesive and Sealant Council (ASC) recently proposed modifications be made to the document ASTM 1193 “Standard Guide for Use of Joint Sealants” to incorporate terminology that will help position sustainability for industry stake holders. The recommendations were made during ASTM’s C-24 meeting held in January 2012 and will be an agenda item moving forward in 2012.

The recommendations came out of the ASC Sustainability Summit held in July 2011. The following terms were identified as important to the sustainability effort for sealant stakeholders:

- **Recyclability**
- **Compostable**
- **Embodied Energy**
- **Renewable Content**

“The next step is for the ASTM C-24 to debate the terms and work towards modifying the ASTM 1193 Standard Guide for Use of Joint Sealants,” notes Steve Duren, Director of Member Services at ASC. “At the end of the day, with strong industry input and discussion, the result will be definitions and or recognition of how sealants are sustainable and will help guide decision making for designers and applicators on the topic of sustainability. Sustainability continues to be a term that many from our industry use. As such, efforts from this important work in C24 will provide a more transparent connection between “Sustainability” and adhesives and sealants products.

The Council’s efforts with ASTM C-24 build on efforts with ASTM D-14 that are already in process to define specific sustainability terminology.

As a result of the Summit, discussions with the Council's Technical Committee, and an October 2011 ASTM D-14 meeting, the following terms are now in ballot in D-14:

- **Life Cycle Assessment**
- **Life Cycle**
- **Sustainability**
- **Renewable resource**
- **Biobased Products/Material**
- **Biorenewable**
- **Carbon footprint**

“The efforts that are now underway within the ASTM community will be a priority for the Council in 2012 as we ensure the work we began in July 2011 continues to move forward and adds value to the industry,” added Duren. “ASC will also be collaborating with the EU-based stakeholders by sharing our efforts with FEICA to ensure the entire community provides input.”

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