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Acceptable Certification Marks For Plumbing Equipment

Subject: Quality Auditing Institute (QAI)
Expanded Accreditation - Major Scope Additions

Quality Auditing Institute (QAI) from Port Moody, BC has advised Municipal Affairs that they recently received expanded accreditation by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) for Plumbing Products, Materials and Piping. The SCC granted additional accreditation on October 8, 2000, to include **Plumbing Fixtures, Fittings and Piping** (excluding the CSA Standard B-125) for the subject areas listed on the attached SCC documents.

A facsimile of the QAI label, with their logo, is shown below.



The Plumbing Industry is reminded that under the *Safety Codes Act* and the Plumbing Code Regulation (AR 219/97), no person may manufacture, install, sell or offer for sale any equipment related to plumbing systems for use in Alberta unless it has been:

- (a) tested and certified by a certification body accredited by the Standards Council of Canada, or
- (b) inspected and accepted by a certification body accredited by the Standards Council of Canada, and the equipment bears evidence of having been accepted in the manner authorized by the certification body.

Issue of this STANDATA is authorized by
the Administrator



SAFETY CODES COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carey LaRose'.

Carey LaRose

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2000-08-10

SCC 1003-10/24

Mr. Steven Harris
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Dear Mr. Harris:

I am pleased to inform you that the Standards Council of Canada has granted additional accreditation to the Quality Auditing Institute as a certification body, in accordance with the provisions of the Council document CAN-P-3: *Criteria and Procedures for Accreditation of Certification Organizations*. This additional accreditation is granted in the subject areas outlined in Annex A.

Accreditation is based on the information contained in your submission together with visits to your facility by the Task Group Certification of the Council's Advisory Committee on Conformity Assessment. Inherent in the granting of this accreditation is the assurance which you have given that your organization will continue to operate its certification activities in conformance with the Council's *Criteria and Procedures for Accreditation of Certification Organizations*, CAN-P-3.

On behalf of the Standards Council I welcome your certification body in its expanded role as a component of the National Standards System. I am sure we can count on your continued support in our joint efforts to make this system a vital and progressive one for Canada.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A to
letter dated
2000-08-10

**SUBJECT AREAS
MAJOR SCOPE ADDITION
QUALITY AUDITING INSTITUTE**

Building products and structures, pertaining to materials, products, assemblies, processes and services relating to building construction and components in the following category groups:

- Fire Endurance Testing
- Engineered Wood Products
- Joist Hangers, Fasteners and Hardware
- Plumbing Products Materials and Piping excluding CSA B-125
- Roofing Materials and Construction, Waterproofing Exterior Finish
- Doors and Windows
- Insulation



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Accreditation Profile

As an independent third party certification, inspection and testing organization, Quality Auditing Institute offers service to customers who need recognition of the quality of their product. QAI is pleased to report our progress in providing that recognition in an ever broadening range of subject areas:

- 1994 Established to serve the needs of the building industry
- 1995 Granted ICBO ES recognition as a Quality Control Agency (AA-635):
 - Untreated Western Red Cedar Wood Shakes and Shingles
- 1998 Extended ICBO ES recognition to include:
 - Fire-retardant-treated-Wood Roof Systems
 - Lodgepole Pine Preservative-treated Taper-sawn Shakes
 - Cement-based Roofing Products
- 1997 Became a California State Fire Marshal approved Quality Control/Inspection Agency:
 - Pressure-treated Fire-retardant Wood Shakes and Shingles
- 1997 Gained accreditation by the Standards Council of Canada in the subject area:
 - Grading of Wood Shakes and Shingles
- 1998 Extended the Standards Council of Canada accreditation:
 - Treated Wood Shakes and Shingles
- 1999 Extended recognition by ICBO ES, in addition to the above areas, to include:
 - Engineered Wood Products
 - Fire-exposure-rated Materials, Products and Assemblies
 - Special Roofing Systems
 - Sandwich Panels
 - Fasteners and Joist Hangers
 - Expansion Anchors in Concrete and Masonry Elements
 - Membrane Roof-covering Systems
 - Electrical and Mechanical Equipment
 - Plumbing Products
 - Prefabricated Construction

QAI is currently in the process of gaining accreditation by Standards Council of Canada in additional subject areas:

- Building Products and Structures (Granted by the SCC for specific subject areas, October 8, 2000)
- Plumbing Fixtures, Fittings and Piping (Granted by the SCC for specific subject areas, October 8, 2000)
- Electrical and Electronic Products and Equipment

QAI's accreditations provide a recognized, independent, customer-oriented certification choice for acceptance of building, plumbing and electrical products into today's building marketplace.