

April 27, 2016

Re: **Page Commitment to Product Content Transparency**

Dear Valued Product Manufacturer,

At Page, we have made a promise to our stakeholders that our designs will make lives better. As an important aspect of this promise, Page is committed to being attentive to how our material choices impact our lives. Our growing knowledge of human and environmental health, coupled with our clients' demands, regulatory concerns and industry advances obligates us to endorse the movement for greater product content transparency and less harmful chemical profiles. We also pledge to support companies committed to continuous improvement in these areas.

Our goal is to integrate the comprehensive health and environmental product information provided by completed Health Product Declarations (HPDs) and Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) into our daily practice, enabling our staff to make more informed decisions. We are asking manufacturers to provide evidence of these declarations and/or Cradle to Cradle (C2C) certification when your representatives call upon our staff. If one of these designations does not exist, we hope that these widespread calls for transparency inspire action among product manufacturers.

Going forward, Page designers will be evaluating the content of all products based on that content information. We will use specifications to inform and direct the marketplace through our selections and preferences for less harmful alternatives. This criteria is being added to more traditional ones such as performance, aesthetics, life cycle, maintenance, availability, and cost. Manufacturers who support transparency will be encouraged to collaborate with Page design staff and will benefit from a Materials Matter program that we have begun implementing in all of our offices.

Thank you for your time and support of our efforts to improve the health of the spaces we create. As responsible stewards of human and environmental health, together we can design a world of beauty and function together while enhancing the human experience within our communities. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at rphinney@pagethink.com or 202.909.4932.

Sincerely,



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