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Memo to: R-2000 Builders

From: Richard Lind  
Chair, National R-2000 Builders Committee

Re: The Future of R-2000

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I am writing to let you know about recent developments concerning R-2000.

From the time of its inception 25 years ago, R-2000 has had strong support from the Canadian Home Builders' Association. More recently, CHBA helped to convince the federal government to continue its support of R-2000 as part of its four year Eco-Action Initiative announced in April 2007.

In recent years, a number of new environmental labels have entered the market, using the technologies pioneered by R-2000. In addition, governments are considering regulatory measures to impose energy efficiencies on new houses. In this changing environment, the R-2000 Technical Requirements must be advanced so that R-2000 can continue to support builder differentiation and industry leadership within the framework of a voluntary marketplace. In short, if the industry does not act, others will impose their will.

The CHBA has prepared the attached proposals to restore R-2000 to a league of its own as the premiere environmental label for houses in North America. The energy target has been reduced by approximately 50 percent and there are new measures for indoor air quality and environmental responsibility.

The CHBA is consulting with the R-2000 Builders Committee in the development of these proposals. They have not yet been presented to the federal government. To move in this direction will require considerable preparation including software development. The current standard will probably remain in place at least until 2010.

I would welcome your comments on both the general direction and the details of the enhancement proposals. I look forward to hearing from you at [R2000@chba.ca](mailto:R2000@chba.ca).