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The Honourable Gary Lunn  
Minister  
Natural Resources Canada  
580 Booth Street, 21st Floor, Room C7-1  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0E4

Dear Minister Lunn:

Thank you for your letter of April 16, 2008 concerning possible expansion of the R-2000 designation to include homes that have undergone renovations. The CHBA looks forward to discussions with your department's officials to pursue this matter further.

I was very pleased that your letter recognized that R-2000 represents the premium energy efficiency new home label in Canada, and the importance of maintaining R-2000's reputation.

In this regard, I want to advise you that the CHBA is currently working on plans to update the R-2000 Technical Standard to reflect advances that have been made in how our industry constructs homes. Periodic updating of the R-2000 Standard has always been a key element in this important housing initiative. This process serves to ensure that R-2000 will continue to fulfill its role in advancing the state of energy efficient and environmentally improved home construction in Canada.

CHBA has developed an initial list of potential upgrades to the R-2000 Standard and is now consulting with industry members, both new home builders and renovators, across Canada to gain their input and expertise. Once this process has been completed, we look forward to working with your department to put the next generation R-2000 Standard in place.

The CHBA's aim is to see the R-2000 Initiative returned to its position as Canada's pre-eminent new home construction standard.

For R-2000 to continue its vital role as the engine that drives energy efficient construction practice in Canada, introduction of the updated Standard will need to be accompanied by an administrative and delivery system that is effective. At present, this system is quite inadequate and this significantly limits the capacity of our industry to participate in the R-2000 Initiative.

In July of 2006, the CHBA submitted a series of recommendations that laid out a plan to restore R-2000 to full effectiveness. Unfortunately, no progress has been achieved in moving matters forward.

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I would like to suggest that we meet, on an urgent basis, to discuss the future of R-2000, and how our industry and the Government of Canada can work together to ensure this valuable initiative is restored to its position as an “engine of innovation” in the areas of energy efficiency and environmental performance.

The R-2000 Standard established Canada as a world leader in what is now popularly referred to as “green housing”. As Canada moves forward to address its environmental challenges, this important initiative needs to be restored if our nation is to maintain this leadership position.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss how we can ensure that this happens.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hrynkow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Hrynkow  
President