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GREENGUARD Environmental Institute Awards Prestigious Certifications to Owens Corning Non-Woven Glass Fiber Veils

Rigorous Indoor Air Quality Certifications Are First in Glass Fiber Non-Woven Industry

TOLEDO, Ohio – Feb. 10, 2010 – Owens Corning (NYSE:OC), a leading global producer of glass fiber reinforcements for composite systems and residential and commercial building materials, today announced that its glass fiber veils for carpet, ceilings and flooring are the first in the glass non-woven industry to be GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified®. The products were also certified for the more stringent GREENGUARD Children & SchoolsSM product emissions standard.

The qualifications for Owens Corning non-woven glass fiber veil used in carpeting, cushion vinyl flooring and ceilings showcase the company's continued commitment to sustainable industry leadership and stand alongside GREENGUARD Certifications of a wide variety of Owens Corning products including fiberglass insulation, extruded polystyrene foam insulation and manufactured stone veneer.

"As part of our overall sustainability strategy, we are taking the lead on indoor air quality assurance because this aspect of product stewardship is very important to our customers, their customers and our company," said Owens Corning Chief Sustainability Officer Frank O'Brien Bernini. "It is important to have the environmental performance of our products certified by a third-party program based on trusted emission standards that are recognized by the leading green building standards around the world."

"This certification is more important than ever, given the rapid growth of the glass fiber non-wovens in the U.S. and around the world in interior applications such as flooring, wall coverings and ceilings," said Steven Vermeulen, vice president and managing director of OCV™ Non-Woven Technologies. "This third-party certification gives our customers the assurance that our glass fiber non-wovens can be used to make sustainable products."

Glass fiber-based veils and specialty non-wovens are used in multiple applications in industrial applications including batteries, wind turbine blades and pavement reinforcement. In building materials, one of the first market applications was in the cushion vinyl flooring market in Europe as companies there replaced traditional cellulose felt with glass fiber non-wovens to improve dimensional stability. Glass fiber non-wovens are also used in commercial ceiling panels that provide enhanced aesthetics as well as improved acoustic performance. For mold and mildew resistance, glass-based non-wovens are used in gypsum products.

GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified® is a product certification program for low-emitting interior building materials, furnishings and finish systems. GREENGUARD Children & Schools is a product certification program for low emitting interior building materials, furnishings and finish systems used in educational (daycare and K-12) environments. All GREENGUARD Certified products have been tested for their chemical emissions performance and can be found in the GREENGUARD Product GuideSM at <http://www.greenguard.org>.

For more information about specific products, go to [OCV™ Non-Woven Technologies](#).

For more information about sustainability at Owens Corning please visit <http://www.owenscorning.com/sustainability>.

About the GREENGUARD Environmental Institute

GEI is an industry-independent, non-profit organization that oversees the GREENGUARD Certification ProgramSM. As an ANSI Authorized Standards Developer, GEI establishes acceptable indoor air standards for indoor products, environments and buildings. Its mission is to improve public health and quality of life through programs that improve indoor air. GEI has more than 200,000 GREENGUARD Certified products in its online product guide at <http://www.greenguard.org/>.

About Owens Corning

Owens Corning is a leading global producer of glass fiber reinforcements and engineered materials for composite systems and residential and commercial building materials. A Fortune 500 company for 55 consecutive years, Owens Corning is committed to driving sustainability through delivering solutions, transforming markets and enhancing lives. Founded in 1938, Owens Corning had sales of \$6 billion in 2008 and about 16,000 employees in 28 countries. OCV™ Reinforcements, OCV™ Technical Fabrics and OCV™ Non-Woven Technologies are the three main business units that make up the Owens Corning Composite Solutions Business. The business delivers a broad range of reinforcement products that provide lightweight alternatives to steel, wood and aluminum, thereby reducing weight and improving energy efficiency. Additional information is available at www.owenscorning.com.