

**BIFMA Sustainability Assessment Standard
Work Group Three- Water and Natural Resources
Conference Call
Friday September 8, 2006**

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Attendees:

Jaclyn Bowen- <i>NSF International</i>	Jim Kozminsky- <i>Haworth Inc</i>	Brad Miller- <i>BIFMA</i>
Craig Bren- <i>Tuohy Furniture</i>	Mark LaCroix- <i>Interface Fabrics</i>	Karen Worthy- <i>Global Contract Inc</i>
Mary Fraser- <i>BASF</i>	Clare Lindsay- <i>USEPA</i>	

Jaclyn Bowen called the meeting to order, took roll call, and read the NSF Anti-trust statement. The task group reviewed the agenda items for this call.

- Review revised (DfE format) credit/point checklist.
- Recruit/assign owners for unassigned credits. Unassigned credits
 - Renewable Materials
 - Lower Embodied energy materials (recruit from energy group)
 - Recycled materials
 - Recycled and Biodegradable materials
 - Optimize end of life management
- Report back from credit/point owners:
- Design for the Environment Program Jim Kozminsky
- Use of LCA Jim Kozminsky
- Increase Materials Use Efficiency - Material Optimization Mary Fraser
- Water Management Karen Worthy
- Group input for credit/point owners

Mark LaCroix stated that it sounded as though some progress was made at the last meeting as for designating content owners to draft language and assign points. He suggested starting this meeting by seeing if there are people willing to take on the unassigned credits. The task group reviewed the 9-8-06 Score sheet containing the complete list of credits. Clare Lindsay asked if there would be a section on lower embodied energy materials. Mark LaCroix stated that he expects to leave it in this section but to recruit resources from the energy group to build that credit. Below are the individuals charged with drafting language and assigning points to the undeveloped credits.

- Clare Lindsay was taking 9.6 Recycled materials and 9.8.
- Mark LaCroix- 9.4, and 9.7

Karen Worthy updated the group on her proposed draft language. That task group had an extensive discussion on 9.9 and water consumption verbiage. Karen Worthy stated that she would continue to work on facility/product linkage (honing in on the site that the manufacturing occurs). Clare Lindsay stated that when looking at the product you are seeking to certify, one should look at its main areas of water consumption and specifically look at the facility in which this water consumption occurs. Jim Kozminsky suggested utilizing POGW surveys, baseline-monitoring reports, or continued compliance reports as a resource for this information.

The task group next discussed renewable materials and the use of wood. The question of whether wood should be a separate entity was a major topic of discussion. The task group discussed how to handle endangered or threatened species. Craig Bren suggested getting someone involved who knows wood across all the standards.

Jim Kozminsky updated the group on the progress of DfE

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday October 13, 2006 from 1pm-3pm (ET).