

Press Release
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ROCKPANEL receives European Environmental Product Declaration

ROCKPANEL is the first cladding manufacturer to receive certification from the BRE complying with EN 15804, an environmental norm for construction products and systems. The EPD allows manufacturers to reduce cost, complexity and environmental impact, architects to compare competing materials from an environmental perspective and contractors and building owners to comply with government rules.

BRE Global officially handed over the European Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) certificate to ROCKPANEL at a conference in Watford. The verification is based on product data collection and a Life Cycle Assessment at ROCKPANEL by BRE Global.



David Richardson, Director of Sustainable Products Group, BRE Global (right) presents the certificate to John Relou, Sustainability Officer for ROCKPANEL Group (centre) and William Mc Dowell, ROCKPANEL Group Business Director UK, Ireland and Nordics.

"When BRE Global launched the European EPD program we immediately confirmed our participation. Since we have a proven track record in being at the forefront of sustainability industry developments it is a great honour for us to take the lead in this important initiative. We believe this European EPD will bring uniformity and reduce the complexity for our main stakeholders in the European building industry", according to John Relou, Sustainability Officer at ROCKPANEL.

BRE Group

Driven by the European Commission's objective to add a sustainability dimension to construction works, BRE Global is well underway with the individual environmental, social and financial norms for this construction framework. The aim is to remove country and protectionist barriers for the building industry in Europe.

Victoria Blake, BRE's Associate Director of Sustainable Products said; "ROCKPANEL's verified EN 15804 EPD illustrates that they firmly believe in sustainability and reducing the environmental impact

of their manufacturing. They can now positively distinguish their products from the competition across Europe”.

Important criteria: growing demand and sustainability

ROCKPANEL recognises a growing requirement from architects and contractors to use sustainable materials in facade design. This fits perfectly with both new build and renovation projects for which energy and aesthetic aspects are important. ROCKPANEL has a long term relationship with the BRE, originating within the Environmental Profiles scheme. Already in 2010 the BRE acknowledged that ROCKPANEL’s low maintenance façade panels meet the highest A+ and A environmental performance ratings for the installed product. For an increasing percentage of building projects material choices are based on sustainability. This certification by BRE Global establishes ROCKPANEL as an independently recognized sustainable choice. Based on this long term relationship ROCKPANEL became one of the early adopters when the BRE launched the new scheme in accordance with the EN 15804 standard.

For more information on ROCKPANEL and sustainability, visit www.rockpanel.co.uk/aplus

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