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Subject: REVIEW OF FLORIDA POC DOCUMENTS
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Mr Madani,

Attached: Please view the documentation sent to me from my Public Records request from the State of Florida POC regarding Zion Tile Corp. After having received these documents I have additional serious concerns regarding the repeated abuses of Zion Tile Corp and their Lab Reports from Florida TEC and the way Florida TEC is allowed to conduct their testing. By way of this communication , I would also like to show how Zion Tile Corp has been benefiting from fraudulent and improper test lab reports. One of these reports was also posted on the Florida Website.

From the documentation I received, Mr Mario Garcia references a C-1167 and TAS 101 from Florida TEC in his Nov 1, 2013 and Nov 8, 2013 e-mail to Jon Hill of Keystone Certifications. These tests appear using similar lab report numbers with different dates in the Miami Dade NOA and Jesus Gonzalez Product Evaluation Report dated: February 28, 2013 than the actual test documents released by The State of Florida POC. Mr Garcia managed to get a C-1167 and a new TAS 101 on the new tile profile before the shipment of tile actually came in on Nov 4, 2013. This is also reflected in the Agriculture hold of Nov 7, 2013. How is it possible for him to have achieved this C-1167 testing and TAS 101 October "before the product actually arrived in Nov 4, 2013 as the Bill of Lading of the Container COSN3M344288 suggests?

Furthermore, Container COSN3M344288 arrived with 17 crates of 8000 tiles on board with a total weight of 44,000 lbs. The Florida TEC Lab Report # 121643A dated October 31, 2013 for the new profile tile weighing an average of 6.44 LBS would have yielded a container weight in excess of 51,520 LBS and not 44,000 LBS. Even if you use the lower end weight of 6.30 LBS, the load would have been in excess of 50,400 LBS, a far cry from 44,000 LBS. 17 empty wood crates weight approximately 2550 LBS in case your wondering. This indicates that Lab Report 121643A shows the performance of a tile much heavier than what had actually arrived before the date of the arrival of the Container COSN3M344288 on the Bill of Lading offered by Mr Garcia to Keystone Certifications.

The same Florida TEC Lab Report # 121643A also came with some illustrations that actually give me some answers to my repeated claims that Florida TEC is not reporting the correct results in their Absorption & Permeability Tests as has already been proven by multiple tests from ATL, PRI and Fenestration Testing Labs.

A. The weight scale (IMG 1549) used to measure tile weights is rudimentary and not an accurate way to measure the weight of tiles before and after absorption.

B. The metal pot used for the 5 HOUR BOIL is much too small to accommodate horizontal 18" roof tiles and the pot looks like its brand new and has never been used instead of a pot charred by continuous use.

C. Most importantly, on Page 9 of the Florida TEC Report NO # 121643A dated: OCT 31, 2013 for the "NEW PROFILE" shows the equipment used for the "WATER PERMEABILITY TEST". This is a complete outrage and is not an acceptable means of testing the permeability of clay tiles by C-1167. Everyone else does it the same way. How can Florida TEC be allowed get way with this!!

D. The 24 HR Absorption indicates an average absorption of 10.56. This is total BS.

The same Florida TEC C-1167 Test Report No# 121643A dated: OCT 30, 2013 and TAS 101 Florida TEC Lab Report No# 121643BR dated: OCT 30, 2013 used for the Florida Approval in Jesus Gonzalez Product Evaluation Report also show up again in the Miami Dade NOA No. 13-1113.07 of Zion Tile Corp approved: 5/1/14. Again the test reports are reported with similar report numbers with much different dates! Florida TEC 121643A ASTM C-1167 Date: 11/12/13 and not 10/30/13. Florida TEC 121643R TAS 101 dated: 4/24/14. I'm going to assume they also have the same illustration

of improper lab equipment when these reports were furnished to the Miami Dade Product Control to obtain the new 2014 NOA since it references the exact same tests.

The appearance from the information above makes it look like Florida TEC or Zion tile Corp can do as they please without any accountability. As an oversight entity, your staff should be able to see the discrepancies right on the surface, yet the obvious continues to evade the Florida Staff. I'm wondering why you even allow product to be approved in the Hurricane High Velocity Zone with such oversight?

I need access to the quarterly testing fro Keystone Certifications, since you don't have it... how can I obtain this? The Product Evaluation Report Dated Feb 28, 2013 requires quarterly testing.

Also, the rule 61G20-3.005 Product Evaluation and Quality Assurance For State Approval dictates: "the test lab must be accredited by an approved accreditation body for the test performed. The entity issuing the evaluation report or certification is responsible to ensure that the test lab is accredited". Who is responsible here?

Sincerely,

Danny