

November 25, 2008

Mo Madani, CBO, Technical Unit Manage Building Code and Standards - Florida Department of Community Affairs 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2010

RE: Florida Product Approval

Mr. Madani,

Southwest Progressive Enterprises requests a declaratory statement to indicate whether our Thermocromex product fall under the scope of Rule 9B-72.

Thermocromex product is not structural. It is simply a one coat exterior limestone finish.

General consideration is as follows:

- 1. Southwest Progressive Enterprises has been providing handcrafted interior and exterior wall finishes to the architectural and design community since 1985. With almost 5,000 projects successfully completed across the United States, Central America, the . Caribbean, South Africa and the Far East, we are the unequaled industry experts. We are the exclusive distributor for Thermocromex in North America, South America, Central America and the Caribbean.
- 2. Used successfully in Europe for over 20 years, Thermocromex is a one-coat exterior limestone finish at a cost comparable to stucco finishes. Thermocromex is proven not to shrink or crack and carries a 20 year material warranty.
- 3. Thermocromex is used as an exterior finish that is compatible with nearly any substrate. Thermocromex combines all the characteristics required by today's builder in terms of speed, setting, strength, elasticity, plasticity, low capillarity, low shrinkage and vapor breathability.
- 4. Thermocromex is made of natural hydraulic limestone and comes as a premixed bagged material mixed for 6-7 minutes with 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 gallons water and is normally spray applied by a pump machine at 3/8" thickness. It weighs around 3 lbs per square foot.

Your assistance in this manner is appreciated.

Paula P. Ford Commission Clerk

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ED, on this date, with the designated eceipt of which is hereby

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