

John E. Scates, Professional Engineer

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DuraFlex LLC
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Re: Statement of Independence

To Whom It May Concern:

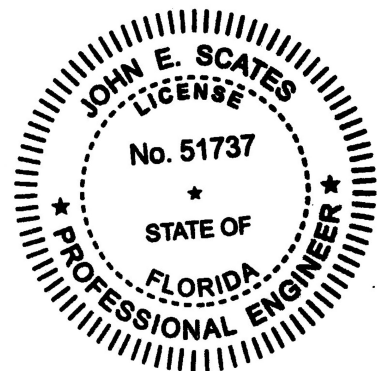
I, John E. Scates, P.E., certify that I meet the requirements of "independence" as it relates to DuraFlex LLC. Specifically,

(1) I do not have, nor intend to acquire or will acquire, a financial interest in any company manufacturing or distributing these products.

(2) I (my business) is not owned, operated or controlled by any company manufacturing or distributing these products.

(3) I do not have nor will acquire, a financial interest in any company manufacturing or distributing products for which the reports are being issued.

(4) I do not have, nor will acquire, a financial interest in any other entity involved in the approval process of the product.



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