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Standardisation of vacuum insulation panels worldwide

(BRUSSELS, 22 August 2017) The VIP industry represented in VIPA International is pleased to see that standardisation activities on this technology are progressing well around the world. Standards are key tools to accelerate the market acceptance of new products and to create a level playing field for all companies in the market.

In Europe, the CEN Technical Committee 88 (thermal insulating materials and products) Working Group 11 (vacuum insulation products - VIP) drafted the factory made vacuum insulated panels (VIP) for buildings specification. The draft standard is now under voting process by the national standardisation bodies in Europe. Some comments were received and will be analysed at the next meeting of the CEN TC 88 WG 11 next October to decide on the next steps: address the comments and start a new round of inquiries with the national standardisation bodies or proceed with the publication of the standard in its current format.

Still in Europe, the VIP group of the GSH (Güteschutzgemeinschaft Hartschaum e.V. – a neutral and independent European Association of Thermal Insulation Manufacturers) responsible for drafting the quality and testing regulations of the RAL VIP Quality Mark 960 has almost completed reviewing the current rules. Once completed, discussed with RAL (German Institute for Quality Assurance and Labelling) and approved, the RAL VIP Quality Mark will be extended to four VIP applications (refrigerators & freezers, building & construction, hot water tanks, temperature-controlled boxes & containers) irrespective of which core material is used for the particular VIP.

In April this year, the International Standardisation Organisation (ISO) VIP group had its first meeting in Canada. Professor Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya is the convener of this group. In China, the Nanjing Fiberglass Institute is leading the review of the Chinese VIP standard. The group plans to extend the current standard to all applications. The drafting process is expected to be completed by 2018.

VIPA International is following closely all these standardisation discussions and keeping its members informed about all developments. The association believes in the value of standards and would welcome global harmonisation as much as possible.

About VIPA International

The Vacuum Insulation Panel Association (VIPA International) is a global trade association representing the interests of manufacturers of vacuum insulation panels as well as supply chain. The mission of the association is to act as the global voice of the vacuum insulation panel industry, promote quality and raise awareness of the potential to save space and energy costs and to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in a wide range of applications and industries.

VIPA International was created as a not-for-profit organisation incorporated under the law of the State of Delaware in the U.S.A. on 19 August 2014. The association is managed by its staff in the global office in Brussels, Belgium; and also maintains a presence in Washington DC, U.S.A..