



**ENVIRONMENTAL
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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: SIG-2008

Signature Floorcoverings

Standard:
GECA 31-2006 – Commercial Modular Tile Carpets

Conformance Declaration Date:
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The Environmental Choice Australia Mark ecolabelling program is the national product life cycle environmental declaration based on internationally recognized standard setting and assessment methodology.

The national program is managed by two distinct organisations:

Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd. is the standard setting and sustainable consumption market promotions body which develops and declares the ecolabelling standards defining product environmental preference in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration (www.geca.org.au). GECA is an independent non-profit environmental research and ecolabeling standard setting organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network.

Environmental Assurance (also trading as Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd) is the auditing and certification body with responsibility for product assessment, certification and licensing of products against the declared standards (www.geca.org.au). GECS is the assessment body for this Program with expertise specific to quality product environmental performance auditing following the principles of ISO 14 010 and ISO 14 024 in it's audit and certification services.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Program this declaration outlines key environmental performance attributes of products that have been awarded the "Environmental Choice Australia" label for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance.

The objectives of the program are to:

- a) Provide incentives for suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of products sold in Australia;
- b) Provide a clear, credible and independent guide to consumers wishing to take account of environmental factors in their purchasing decisions;
- c) Encourage consumers to purchase products which have lower environmental impacts;
- d) Recognize genuine moves by companies to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products;
- e) Aim ultimately to improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management of resources.

DISCLAIMER:

This report has been prepared by Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd (Environmental Assurance) in respect of a Client's assessment results for product conformity to the requirements of the respective Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd (GECA) standard. The purpose of this public report is to present summary evidence and overview of the Client's product conformity with the standards or other criteria specified. The content of this report applies only to matters which were evident to Environmental Assurance at the time of the audit within the audit scope. Environmental Assurance does not warrant or otherwise comment upon the suitability of the contents of the report or the certificate for any particular purpose or use. Environmental Assurance accepts no liability whatsoever for consequences to, or actions taken by, third parties as a result of or in reliance upon information contained in this report.



CERTIFICATION FINDINGS

This range of flooring products manufactured by Signature Floorcoverings has been assessed against the GECA 31-2006 standard – Commercial Modular Tile Carpets. These products have successfully gained official registration as certified 'Good Environmental Choice' products under the Australian Ecolabel program.

1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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Signature Floorcoverings® is a supplier of floor covering products to the Australian Market. Australian Owned and Managed, Signature is able to bring to market floor coverings through a network of experienced retailers and commercial contractors. Signature supplies a wide range of domestic and commercial floor covering products they have ranges in both hard and soft floors.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

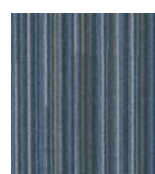
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The following Signature Floorcoverings products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:

PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Friendly Tiles (Wind)	Modular Carpet Tiles
Friendly Tiles (Earth)	Modular Carpet Tiles
Friendly Tiles (Fire Water)	Modular Carpet Tiles
Friendly Tiles (Chakra)	Modular Carpet Tiles
Friendly Tiles (Tundra)	Modular Carpet Tiles

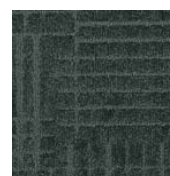
Friendly Tiles (Wind)

- Construction - Tufted high & low loop
- Yarn/Fibre - Antron Lumena® solution dyed nylon
- Pile Weight - 700g/m²
- Pile Height - 4.5mm to 2.5mm
- Gauge - 1/10
- Tile Size - 500mm x 500mm
- Backing - Thermoplastic with recycled content



Friendly Tiles (Chakra)

- Construction - Cut & low loop
- Yarn/Fibre - Antron Lumena® solution dyed nylon
- Pile Weight - 1030g/m²
- Pile Height - 6.0mm to 4.0mm
- Gauge - 1/8
- Tile Size - 500mm x 500mm
- Backing - Thermoplastic with recycled content



Friendly Tiles (Earth)

- Construction - Tufted high & low loop
- Yarn/Fibre - Antron Lumena® solution dyed nylon
- Pile Weight - 580g/m²
- Pile Height - 4.0mm to 2.5mm
- Gauge - 1/10
- Tile Size - 500mm x 500mm
- Backing - Thermoplastic with recycled content



Friendly Tiles (Tundra)

- Construction - Level loop
- Yarn/Fibre - Antron Lumena® solution dyed nylon
- Pile Weight - 580g/m²
- Pile Height - 4.0mm
- Gauge - 1/10
- Tile Size - 500mm x 500mm
- Backing - Thermoplastic with recycled content



Friendly Tiles (Fire & Water)

- Construction - Tufted high & low loop
- Yarn/Fibre - Antron Lumena® solution dyed nylon
- Pile Weight - 720g/m²
- Pile Height - 5.0 to 3.0mm
- Gauge - 1/10
- Tile Size - 500mm x 500mm
- Backing - Thermoplastic with recycled content



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3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the Signature Floorcoverings products were assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.



Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	The manufacturer for Signature Floorcoverings holds both ISO 9001 and ISO 14001:2004 management system certificates. Signature Floorcoverings offers a 12 year warranty for these nominated products.
Environmental Requirements for Modular Carpets	Signature Floorcoverings recommend a water based, pressure sensitive, low VOC adhesive certified as compliant to this criterion by GECS. None of the listed hazardous substances are used in the manufacturing of this product.
Waste Minimization and Management	Signature Floorcoverings have a product stewardship policy in place. The product stewardship policy clearly states that Signature Floorcoverings guarantees that the Friendly Tiles do not end up in landfill. The carpet tiles can be rotated and worn tiles replaced. These modular carpets can be uplifted and re-laid without damage.
Environmental Regulations	Signature Floorcoverings is in compliance with the relevant environmental regulations and has not been prosecuted in the last 24 months under Environmental Law.
Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	Signature Floorcoverings is in compliance with the relevant social and workplace requirements and has not been the subject of prosecution in a court of law within the past 24 months.

Quantifying key criteria for
assurance to the market.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A detailed verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the findings of environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer.

This EPD has been made available for green purchasing officers, specifiers, and every day Australians seeking to purchase products and services on the basis of functional and overall environmental and human health performance.



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FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE WEB

The Australian Ecolabel Program is the national environmental product life cycle labelling program for Australia. Further details of the Australian Ecolabel Program are available from www.envassurance.com and www.geca.org.au.