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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION**

LN: STU-2009

Studform Pty Ltd

Standard:  
GECA 28-2006 – Furniture and Fittings

Conformance Declaration Date:  
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# environmental solutions for sustainable markets in Australia

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](http://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.eassurance.com.au](http://www.eassurance.com.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.

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## CERTIFICATION FINDINGS

This range of furniture products manufactured by Studform has been assessed against the GECA 28-2006 standard – Furniture and Fittings. 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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Studform Pty Ltd manufactures doors, access panels, aluminium ceiling systems, & distributes aluminium partitioning principally to the Australian and New Zealand markets with other international markets in Dubai and the United Kingdom being developed. The Studform processing plant based in regional South East of South Australia will enhance the competitiveness and effective distribution of products to capital centres through its strategic location base of equal distance between Adelaide and Melbourne. The Studform plant is committed to manufacturing products at target with minimum variability using controlled systems built upon principles of prevention, in-process control and continuous improvement.

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## 2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following Studform Pty Ltd products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:

PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Corporate Series Aluminium Partitioning Systems	Office interior partitioning system.
Commercial Doors	Commercial Doors.
Fire Rated Doors	Fire Rated Doors
Kwikloc Access Panels (including Fire Rated Access Panels)	Ceiling and wall cavity access panels.
Kwikloc Aluminium Ceiling Systems	Suspended ceiling system.
Imaj Washroom Cubicles	Washroom cubicle system.

### Kwikloc Access Panel

- Lockable.
- Flush with ceiling or wall.
- Concealed hinges.
- High moisture resistance.
- Available in set beads for flush plastered surrounds or 25mm sturdy flanged metal surround.
- Acoustic ratings of RW30, 36, 40 and 44 available.
- One and two hour fire rating available.



### Kwikloc Aluminium Ceiling Systems

Combines the installation speed of "Steel - Grid Systems" and the quality and durability of Aluminium Ceiling Grid into one unique system.



### Commercial Door (Entrex Shown)

The sturdy 1.6mm Frame is fully welded and has a channel flashing over the entry to divert rain and moisture from the opening. Hinges are 100 x 75 x 1.6 Commercial style for durability and the hardware is Knob/Lever with a drive in latch. Commercial grade quality is used so you're not replacing them in 5 years time.



Products with a distinctive  
environmental edge.



### 3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

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

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	Studform Pty Ltd has quality control measures in place and maintains a quality management system in accordance with ISO 9001. These nominated products are covered with a commercial five year warranty with the exception of the ceiling system which is covered with a ten year warranty.
Timber and Other Natural Materials	Studform Pty Ltd source their timber products from several suppliers, GECS has confirmed all of these companies have current FSC certification.
Treatment	GECS has confirmed that these nominated Studform Pty Ltd products are not treated or impregnated with any insecticides or fungicides classified as type 1 or 2A for carcinogenicity by the IARC.
Air Emissions	The nominated Studform Pty Ltd products that contain timber components have been tested for their volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions. The test results indicate that the VOC emissions are within the allowable limits as stated for this criterion.
Adhesives	Studform Pty Ltd use several adhesives to manufacture these nominated products and GECS has confirmed that the adhesives in use are compliant to the requirements of this criterion.
Hazardous Materials	GECS has confirmed that no hazardous or prohibited substances restricted under the corresponding criteria are used or added to these products during their manufacturing processes, this includes the cleaning of the production equipment.
Separability	It has been demonstrated to GECS that with the exception of the fire doors these nominated products can be disassembled without the use of specialised tools or expertise. The fire doors are constructed in such a way so as to minimise the spread of fire and as a result are not made to be disassembled, see Product Custodianship.
Product Custodianship	Studform Pty Ltd has a product custodianship policy in place and will accept certified products at their end of life for recycling at no additional cost accept for transportation.
Coatings and Treatments	GECS has confirmed that these nominated Studform Pty Ltd products are not treated or coated in any way that would prevent their post consumer recycling.
Replacement Parts	Replacement parts for these nominated products subject to wear are available for at least five years as stated in the Studform Pty Ltd commercial warranty.
Packaging Requirements	These Studform Pty Ltd products are transported with recyclable cardboard boxes and plastic packaging. The plastic is not halogenated and maybe recycled in mainstream recovery facilities.
Product Information	These nominated Studform Pty Ltd products are delivered with literature that discusses correct use, storage, maintenance and recycling instructions.
Environmental Regulations	Studform Pty Ltd is in compliance with Australian environmental regulations and has not been prosecuted for violations to environmental regulations in the past 24 months
Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	Studform Pty Ltd is in compliance with the Australian social and workplace requirements and has not been prosecuted for violations to labour, anti-discrimination or safety regulations in 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

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