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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: SCG-2009

Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd

Standard:
GECA 30-2006 – Polymer and Polymer Rich
Broadloom 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.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.

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 carpet products distributed by Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd has been assessed against the GECA 30 -2006 standard – Polymer and Polymer Rich Broadloom 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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The Shaw Contract Group is a Berkshire Hathaway company. Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd is Shaw's service provider for commercial carpet products in Australia & New Zealand. They design specific solutions for healthcare, education, government, retail, work place, professional services and tenant improvement markets. The Shaw Contract Group has been awarded the Presidential Green Chemistry Award by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:

PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Shaw EcoWorx Broadloom Carpet with EcoSolution Q Yarn	Broadloom Carpet
Shaw EcoWorx Performance Broadloom Carpet with EcoSolution Q Yarn	Broadloom Carpet

Shaw EcoWorx Broadloom Carpet with EcoSolution Q Yarn (Glow BL)



Shaw EcoWorx Performance Broadloom Carpet with EcoSolution Q Yarn (Lustre BL)



Products with a distinctive environmental edge.



3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

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

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	These Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd products are manufactured in an ISO 9001 certified facility and are covered with a lifetime commercial warranty valid from the date of delivery to the customer.
Adhesives	The adhesive recommended by Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd is water based, pressure sensitive and the volatile organic component of this product is below the limits set for this criterion.
Air Emissions	These Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd products have been independently tested for vapor emissions. The results indicate that these levels were below a quantifiable level and satisfy the requirements of this criterion.
Flame Retardants	GECS has confirmed the presence of flame retardants in these nominated Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd products and found that none of the restricted flame retardants are used.
Azo Based Dyes	GECS has confirmed that none of the prohibited dyes, as stated in the Consumer Protection Act Amendment 19 of the Council Directive 76/769/EEC of the European Union, are present in these nominated Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd products.
Waste Minimisation and Management	Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd has a product stewardship policy in place and sufficient measures to meet the requirements of this criterion.
Environmental Regulations	Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd adheres to the relevant environmental legislation and has not been prosecuted for violations to Environmental regulations in the past 24 months.
Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	Shaw Contract Group Australia Pty Ltd adheres to the relevant social requirements and workplace regulations. The company 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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