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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: TSF-2009

The Smith Family Pty Ltd

Standard:
GECA 25-2005 – Floor Coverings

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 flooring products manufactured by The Smith Family Pty Ltd has been assessed against the GECA 25-2005 standard – Floor Coverings. 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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everyone's family

The Smith Family is an independent non profit organization that works in partnership with Australians to help disadvantaged Australian children and their families. The Smith Family Commercial Enterprise supports work in the community by generating funds, offsetting the costs of running the organisation. The Smith Family Nonwoven Manufacturing Plant is located in Villawood New South Wales and has been producing nonwoven fabrics since 1987. The plant combines a variation of processes such as carding, needle-punching and thermal bonding to manufacture a wide range of fabrics and felt.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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



PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Cushion Pad	
Cushion Bond	
Budget Pad (with Scrim)	
Carpet Tile Backing	
Cushion Pad (with Scrim)	
Ecco Pad	
Premier Pad	

Product Name

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environmental edge.

3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

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

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	These nominated Smith Family Pty Ltd products have been independently tested by an accredited laboratory and found to be compliant to the relevant Australian Standards AS 4288 and AS 2404.
Hazardous Substances	GECS has confirmed that no hazardous substances as stated in the standard for this criterion are present or used in the production of these nominated products.
Formaldehyde Content	The nominated Smith Family Pty Ltd products have been independently tested by an accredited laboratory for Formaldehyde emissions. The results show the Formaldehyde emissions of these products are negligible.
Waste Minimisation and Management	The Smith Family Pty Ltd has a waste minimisation process implemented for these nominated products. The edge trim is collected and torn into fibres, it is then reincorporated into the manufacturing process.
Product Information	The Smith Family Pty Ltd provides adequate product information for these nominated products including recommended adhesives, relative moisture limits, bases, cleaning and maintenance.
Environmental Regulations	The Smith Family 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	The Smith Family 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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