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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: SPC-2009

Spectrum Floors Australia 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.eassurance.com.au). GECA is an independent non-profit environmental research and ecolabelling 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 its 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

The range of flooring products distributed by Spectrum Floors Australia Pty Ltd has been assessed against the GECA 25-2005 – Floor Coverings Standard, and awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Eco-Label.

1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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Spectrum Floors located in Adelaide is a 100% Australian owned company which commenced business operations in September 1976. This company distributes commercial/contract resilient floor coverings throughout Australia. Spectrum Floors offers technical assistance and searches for advances and developments in environmentally friendly products.

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response at work.

2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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



PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Punti (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Punti)	2mm rubber flooring (rolls and tiles) in various non directional 'chip' designs
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Futura (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Futura)	As above
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Tono (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Tono)	As above
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Unito (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Unito)	2mm rubber flooring in plain colours (rolls and tiles)
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Bollo Extra (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Bollo Extra)	2.5 & 4mm profiled (studded) rubber tiles
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Alba (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Alba)	2mm marblised rubber flooring
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Ardesia (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Ardesia)	3.4mm 'slate' like profiled rubber (tiles)
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Murale (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Murale)	1.5mm rubber wall covering (sheet)
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Static Dissipative (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Static Dissipative)	2mm ESD rubber (rolls)
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Conductive (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Conductive)	2mm conductive rubber (rolls)
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Acoustical (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Acoustical)	4mm foam backed rubber flooring (rolls)
Mondo Contract / Tecnico Safety (Spectrum Contract / Tecnico Safety)	2mm rubber with added slip retardant properties

Spectrum Flooring

Rubber flooring available in a wide range of styles and designs in both roll and tile format with advantages of durability, quietness under foot, easy maintenance and easily installed by skilled tradesman using the recommended adhesive system



Products with a distinctive environmental edge.



3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

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

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	The certified Spectrum Resilient Floor Covering products have been successfully tested according to relevant standard quality test methods. The manufacturing company head department and production facility is certified according to ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management System requirements.
Hazardous Substances	The products certified under the SPC-2009 licence do not contain hazardous materials restricted by the GECA Floor Surfacing Standard, exposure pathways do not exist, or the required abatement processes are in place.
Formaldehyde Emitting Materials	Emission test reports show no formaldehyde emissions. Formaldehyde is not used in the Spectrum Floor Australia Pty Ltd products certified under the SPC-2009 licence.
Waste Minimisation and Management	Waste such as off-cuts and sub-quality products are recycled through the production process or utilized as raw material for backing. Paper and plastic waste from the production facility is sorted and recycled through the local recycling stream.
Product Information	The standard instruction manual provided by Spectrum Floors Australia Pty Ltd provides adequate information for installation and maintenance.
Compliance to Environmental Regulations	Spectrum Floors Australia Pty Ltd and the manufacturing facility for the floor covering products certified under the SPC-2009 licence comply with the relevant environmental regulations and has not been prosecuted for violations to environmental regulations in the past 24 months
Compliance to Labour, Anti-discrimination and Safety Regulations	Spectrum Floors Australia Pty Ltd and the manufacturing facility for the floor covering products certified under the SPC-2009 licence comply with the relevant 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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