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Re: Product Transparency and Chemicals of Concern Disclosure

Dear Product Manufacturer,

Lord, Aeck & Sargent is committed to an informed, mindful, and creative design practice delivering quality, highly performing, and healthy buildings to our clients and our communities. It has become increasingly important that Lord, Aeck & Sargent address issues of environmental and human health in our work. Product transparency is a critical component of this effort. Similar efforts are already underway in the industry: projects seeking certification through the Living Building Challenge require 'Red List' compliance, and the recently adopted LEED v4 gives credit for using products which disclose chemical contents.

Lord, Aeck & Sargent joins several of the largest U.S. architecture and engineering firms—including HDR, HKS, Cannon Design, and SmithGroup JJR—in requesting your assistance in providing product transparency and disclosure of chemicals of concern for the products we use in the buildings we design.

To this end, we are taking the following steps:

1. September 16, 2013 – Issue this strategy letter requesting that [Health Product Declarations](http://www.hpdcollaborative.org/) (HPDs) (<http://www.hpdcollaborative.org/>) or an International Living Futures Institute [Declare Label](http://www.declareproducts.com/) (<http://www.declareproducts.com/>) be publicly provided by product manufacturers.
2. January 1, 2014 – Manufacturers meeting one of the following criteria will be allowed to promote their product or offer educational sessions at Lord, Aeck & Sargent:
 - a. An HPD or Declare Label is publicly available for each of the manufacturer's products.
 - b. A plan that indicates a date before December 31, 2014 by which an HPD or Declare Label for each of the manufacturer's products will be made publicly available.
3. January 1, 2015 – Product content transparency will be considered in the determination of products to be included in our library or selected for inclusion on projects.

The purpose of this effort is to enable our project teams to make informed, health-minded design decisions. We thank you for your assistance and are confident that, working together, we can make our built environment a purposeful, inspirational, and healthy place for all.

Sincerely,



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