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March 4, 2008

Re: Section 01350 Emission Test Results, EmilCeramica S.P.A, Ceramic Tile 31LV2.

Dear Ms. Cattabriga:

Your EmilCeramica Ceramic Tile 31LV2 – GL and UGL porcelain wall and/or floor tile (ISO 13006 Group Bla) was tested by our laboratory to determine its emissions of toxic volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) of concern in California. The test was conducted following the procedures described in Section 01350 of the Material Specifications adopted by the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS, www.chps.net).

Calculations were performed using the parameters given below for a standard classroom to estimate the concentrations of VOCs of concern resulting from the use of your product in a classroom environment. The results of the test and the calculated concentrations for the standard classroom are presented in our laboratory reports, 333-001-01A-Mar0408 dated 3/4/2008.

Ventilation Rate	Room Volume	Surface Area Covered by Product
0.90 air changes per hour (volume fraction = 0.9)	231 m ³ or (40x24x8.5 ft = 8,160 ft ³)	89.2 m ² of floor area or 94.7 m ² of wall area

Your EmilCeramica Ceramic Tile 31LV2 – GL and UGL porcelain wall and/or floor tile (ISO 13006 Group Bla) is a low or non VOCs emitter and **meets** the Section 01350 requirements for use in a classroom for both floor and wall area loading. According to manufacturer and as stated in the COC, this product is representative of all Emilceramica and Ergon brands of ceramic porcelain tile (Group Bla).

Sincerely,

Raja S. Tannous
Laboratory Director

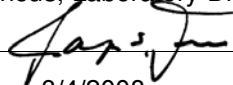
Attachment: Laboratory report

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PRODUCT VOC EMISSION TEST RESULTS

Report Certification

Report Number & Date: 333-001-01A-Mar0408 - 3/4/2008
Recalculation Job:
Original Specimen ID (if recal job):
Protocol or test method/criteria: CA DHS Section 01350 protocol
Certified By: Raja S. Tannous, Laboratory Director
Signature 
Date 3/4/2008

Client Information

Client: EmilCeramica S.P.A.
City/State/Country: Fiorano Modenese Italy
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Manufacturer Information

Manufacturing company: Emilceramica S.P.A
Product name: Ceramic Tile
Product sample ID:
Product category: Wall Covering (09720)
Product subcategory: Ceramic Tile
Manufacturer ID: 31LV2
Date manufactured: 2/8/2008
Date collected: 2/8/2008
Date shipped: 2/8/2008

Sample/Specimen Information

Date received: 2/11/2008
Specimen ID (Lab tracking No.): **333-001-01A**
Specimen preparation: Cut 6" by 6" specimen and tested as cut with all surfaces exposed.
Conditioning period start & duration: 2/15/2008, 10 days
Test period start & duration: 2/25/2008, 96 hours

Protocol -- Emission tests are performed following California Dept. of Health Services "Standard Practice for the Testing of Volatile Organic Emissions from Various Sources Using Small-Scale Environmental Chambers," CA/DHS/EHLRB/R-174, 07/15/04 (http://www.cal-iaq.org/VOC/Section01350_7_15_2004_FINAL_PLUS_ADDENDUM-2004-01.pdf). This practice is based on ASTM D 5116, "Standard Guide for Small-Scale Environmental Chamber Determinations of Organic Emissions from Indoor Materials/Products" and incorporates the chamber testing portion of California Specification 01350 (<http://www.ciwm.ca.gov/GreenBuilding/Specs/Section01350/>). Project-specific results are calculated as described in Specification 01350.

Table 1. Chamber Conditions for Test Period **

Parameter	Symbol	Units	Value
Product exposed area	A _c	m ²	0.0465
Chamber volume	V _c	m ³	0.067
Loading ratio	L _c	m ² m ⁻³	0.69
Inlet air flow rate	Q	m ³ h ⁻¹	0.067
Ventilation rate	a _c	h ⁻¹	1.01
Temperature		°C	23.5
Relative humidity		%	47.6

** Specified ranges: 22°C to 24°C, RH 45% to 55%, and Q 0.064 to 0.070 (small chamber) or 5.81 to 6.42 (mid-size chamber)

Table 2. Parameters used to calculate building VOC concentrations

Bldg. Component/ Material	Floor - Floor Covering (any)	Parameter	Symbol	Units	Building Type*
<u>Standard Classroom</u>					
Product exposed area		A _B		m ²	89.2
Building volume		V _B		m ³	231.1
Ceiling height				m	2.59
Loading ratio		L _B		m ² m ⁻³	0.386
Ventilation rate		a _B		h ⁻¹	0.90
Ventilation vol. fraction		V _{fB}			0.90
Vent. flow rate per area				(m ³ h ⁻¹) / m ²	2.10
<u>Standard Office Space</u>					
Product exposed area		A _B		m ²	11.1
Building volume		V _B		m ³	30.6
Ceiling height				m	2.74
Loading ratio		L _B		m ² m ⁻³	0.365
Ventilation rate		a _B		h ⁻¹	0.75
Ventilation vol. fraction		V _{fB}			0.90
Vent. flow rate per area				(m ³ h ⁻¹) / m ²	1.85

* Standard building types are: (1) School classroom defined in Table 7.4, CA/DHS/EHLB/R-174, 07/15/04; (2) Office space (individual) defined in Table 7.5, CA/DHS/EHLB/R-174, 07/15/04; and (3) Large office building with volume ceiling height from East End Project, Products Passed Section 01350, Calif. Integrated Waste Management Board. For floor products ceiling panels, 100% coverage is assumed. For wall paint and wallcoverings, exposed area is wall paint area for the building (<http://www.ciwm.ca.gov/GreenBuilding/Specs/EastEnd/>).

Table 3. Pass/fail results of emission test for identified VOCs with chronic RELs
 (Only VOCs detected above quantitation limits are reported)

Substance	CAS No.	$\frac{1}{2}$ REL $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Building Type
No VOCs detected	None	None	PASS

Table 4. List of emitted VOCs* (Only VOCs detected above quantitation limits are reported. Individual VOCs with chronic RELs and/or on other lists of toxicants are shown first, followed by unlisted abundant compounds)

Substance	CAS No.	Surrogate?	Chronic REL $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	CARB TAC Category	Prop 65 List?
No VOCs detected	None	None	None	None	None

* Parameters are defined in Table 9

Table 5. Emission Test Results for Individual VOC
 (Only VOCs detected above quantitation limits are reported)

Substance	96-h Chamber Concentration $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Emission Factor $\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$	Building Concentration $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
No VOCs detected	LQ	LQ	LQ

* Parameters and reported values are defined and explained in Table 9

Table 7. Formaldehyde Chamber & Building Concentrations for Different Test Periods

Test Duration	Chamber Conc. $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	Emission Factor $\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ h}^{-1}$	Building Conc. $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
			<u>Standard Classroom</u>
24-h	LQ	LQ	LQ
48-h	LQ	LQ	LQ
96-h	LQ	LQ	LQ
			<u>Standard Office Space</u>
24-h	LQ	LQ	LQ
48-h	LQ	LQ	LQ
96-h	LQ	LQ	LQ

Table 8. Pictures of The Tested Specimen



Table 9. Definition of Parameters and Notes to Tables

Parameter/Value	Definition
CAS No.	Chemical Abstract Service identification number
Surrogate?	“Yes” indicates compound was quantified by GC/MS total-ion-current (TIC) method using toluene as calibration reference
Chronic REL	Chronic Reference Exposure Level (REL) established by Calif. Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Feb. 2005 and adopted by Section 01350 as target IAQ limit for building; for formaldehyde, IAQ limit is interim Indoor REL of $33 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. No product may contribute more than $\frac{1}{2}$ IAQ limit for an REL compound, with the exception of acetaldehyde for which the full REL is allowed.
CARB TAC Cat.	Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC) on Calif. Air Resources Board list, Dec. 1999, with toxic category indicated
Prop 65 List?	“Yes” indicates compound is chemical known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity listed by Calif. Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65), Mar. 2005
96-h Chamber Conc.	Measured chamber VOC concentration at 96-h time point minus any analytical blank or blank concentration for empty chamber operated following same procedure. Lower limit of quantitation (LOQ) for individual VOCs on lists of toxicants is $2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, based on a 2 ng limit for a 1-liter sample. LOQ for TVOC is $20 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. LOQ for formaldehyde and acetaldehyde is given below
Emission Factor	Mass of compound emitted per square meter of exposed surface per hour (calculations shown below). Reporting limits for emission factors are established by LOQ or reporting limit for chamber concentration and specimen’s exposed surface area
Classroom/Office/Office Bldg. Conc.	Concentrations for school classroom, small office (individual), large office building, or specific project building calculated using parameters given in Table 2 (calculations shown below)
TVOC	Total Volatile Organic Compounds quantified by GC/MS TIC method using toluene as calibration reference
Formaldehyde & acetaldehyde	Volatile aldehydes quantified by HPLC following ASTM Method D 5197-97. LOQ for formaldehyde and acetaldehyde is $\sim 1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
Individual VOCs	Quantified by thermal desorption GC/MS following EPA Methods TO-1 and TO-17. Compounds are quantified using multipoint calibrations prepared with pure substances unless otherwise indicated (see Surrogate?). VOCs with chronic RELs are listed first, followed by other TAC and Prop. 65 compounds. Additional abundant VOCs at or above reporting limit of $5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ are listed last. VOCs are listed in order of decreasing volatility within each group
“<”	“Less than” concentrations established by LOQ
“HC”	Hydrocarbon compound
“LQ”	Indicates calculated value is below quantitation based on concentration LOQ
“na”	Not applicable

Equations Used in Calculations

An emission factor (EF) in $\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$ for a chemical substance in a chamber test is calculated using Equation 1:

$$EF = (Q (C - C_o)) / A_c \quad (1)$$

where C is the chamber concentration of the substance ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) and C_o is the corresponding substrate or chamber blank concentration ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). The other parameters are defined in Table 1. For an emitting unit, such as a chair, the number of units, N, is substituted for surface area, A_c , and EF is expressed as $\mu\text{g/unit-h}$.

A building concentration (C_B) in $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ can be estimated from the EF using Equation 2:

$$C_B = (EF * A_B) / Q_B \quad (2)$$

where A_B is the area of the product in the building space and Q_B is the outdoor air flow rate to the space.

An EF in $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$ for an individual VOC in a chamber test is calculated from the above EF using Equation 3:

$$EF (\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}) = EF (\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}) / MW \quad (3)$$

where MW is the molecular weight (molar mass) of the respective compound.

A chamber concentration in ppb (molar basis) for an individual VOC is calculated from the chamber concentration ($C - C_o$) in $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ using Equation 4:

$$\text{Chamber concentration (ppb)} = (C - C_o) \times 24.45 / MW \quad (4)$$

where 24.45, in L/mol, is the molar volume of air at standard conditions (1 atm pressure, 25° C).

For a furniture component, the workstation concentration of formaldehyde and total aldehydes in ppb can be estimated from the corresponding aldehyde EF ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$) using Equation 5:

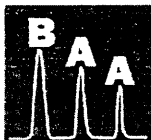
$$\text{WS Aldehyde concentration (ppb)} = (EF_{\text{aldehyde}})(A_{\text{ws}})(24.45) / Q_{\text{ws}} \quad (5)$$

where A_{ws} is the surface area of the component in the workstation (m^2) and Q_{ws} is the outdoor air flow rate to the workstation (m^3/h).

Comments

The emission factor calculations are based on the area of both surfaces. According to the attached COC, the tested sample is representative of all Emilceramica and Ergon brands of ceramic porcelain tile (Group Bla).

END OF REPORT



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CHAIN OF CUSTODY PRODUCT / MATERIAL VOC EMISSION TEST

2007 Update

(Note: a separate COC must be filled for each product sample)

Client Information*
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Manufacturer Information (if different from client)
Company: same as above
City/State/Country:
Contact Name/Title:
Phone Number:

Sample Details	
Product Name*: Ceramic Tile	
Manufacturer Product ID #: 31LV2	
Sample Internal ID #: N/A	
Date Manufactured*: 02/08/2008	
Product Category & Use*: Ceramic Tile - GL and UGL porcelain wall and/or floor tile (ISO 13006 Group Bla)	
Sample Construction Material*: Clay	
Plant Name & Location*: EMILCERAMICA SPA - FIORANO MODENESE - ITALY	
Collection Location within Plant: SOLIGNANO	
Date & Time Collected* : 02/08/2008, 08:00 AM	
Number of Sample Pieces*: 4	Photo(s) of Collection Location: <i>Attach</i>
Sample Collected by*: LUCA FIANDRI	
Phone/Fax Numbers*: +39 0536 835 111 / fax +39 0536 835 264	
Email Address*: luca.fiandri@emilceramica.it	

Shipping Details*
Packed & Shipped By: LUCA FIANDRI
Shipping Date: 02/08/2008
Carrier/Airbill Number: UPS

Test Protocol (Check One)*		
CA DHS Section 01350	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10 d conditioning, 24 h, 48 h, 96 h
BIFMA - small chamber	<input type="checkbox"/>	72 h, 168 h
BIFMA - mid-size chamber	<input type="checkbox"/>	72 h, 168 h
01350 Screening (specify test points)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BIFMA Screening (specify test points)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other, specify below:	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Test Data Application Program (Check if Applicable)		
CHPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
FloorScore	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CRI Greenlabel	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CRI Greenlabel Plus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SCS Indoor Advantage, furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SCS Indoor Advantage Gold, furniture	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SCS Indoor Advantage Gold, bldg product	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Copy to Certifier (If Applicable)
Organization:
Contact:

Notes or Comments from Client / Manufacturer
Sample is to be representative of the "worst case" for potential emissions from all Emilceramica and Ergon brands of ceramic porcelain tile (Group Bla). This sample 1) has the lowest kiln firing temperature 2) has the highest glaze content 3) has the highest moisture absorption rate of all porcelain tiles products.

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Condition of Shipping Package:
Condition of Sample:
Lab Tracking Number: <i>333-001-01A</i>

Sample Handling				
Relinquished By*	Received By*	Signature*	Date*	Company*
LUCA FIANDRI	<i>FIANDRI</i>	<i>Luca Fiandri</i>	02/08/2008	EMILCERAMICA SPA
		<i>MAIRE</i>	<i>2/11/08</i>	<i>BAA</i>