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TO: DIRECTORS, SINGLE FAMILY HOCs
DIRECTORS, MULTIFAMILY HUBs

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REVIEW DATE

June 1, 2010

SUBJECT: 1. Product BOWPEX Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Plastic Pipe and Fittings

**2. Name and address
of Manufacturer**

BOW Plumbing Group
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Montreal, Quebec, Canada
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Data on the nonstandard product described herein have been reviewed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and determination has been made that it is considered suitable from a technical standpoint for the use indicated herein. This Release does not purport to establish a comparative quality or value rating for this product as compared to standard products normally used in the same manner.

This Materials Release cannot be used as an indication of endorsement or approval by HUD of the described product, and any statement or representation, however made, indicating such approval or endorsement by HUD is unauthorized. See Code 18, U.S.C. 709.

Any reproduction of this Release must be in its entirety.

USE: The BOW Plumbing Group's BOWPEX crosslinked polyethylene (PEX) plastic pipe and fittings system, is intended for use in potable hot and cold water distribution systems up to a maximum continuous pressure of 160 psi at 73°F and 100 psi at 180°F. It may also be used in hydronic radiant heating systems.

DESCRIPTION:

The BOW Plumbing Group's BOWPEX water distribution system shall be made from high density polyethylene having a minimum density of 59 lbs/ft³. The pipe shall have one standard dimension ratio (SDR9) and the fittings shall have a nominal size of 3/8" to 1". Only fittings recommended by BOW Plumbing Group's are acceptable for use with BOWPEX system.

REQUIREMENTS:

The BOW Plumbing Group's BOWPEX water distribution system shall comply with the following standards:

ASTM F 876-01	"Standard Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing"
ASTM F 877-01	"Standard Specification for Crosslinked Polyethylene (PEX) Plastic Hot and Cold Water Distribution Systems"
ANSI/NSF 14-01	Plastic Piping Components and Related Materials
ANSI/NSF 61-01	Drinking Water Systems Components Health Effects
PEXINSTE-01	"BOWPEX Installation Guidelines for PEX"

INSTALLATION:

The BOW Plumbing Group's BOWPEX PEX plastic pipe and fitting system shall be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions described in BOW Plumbing Group's BOWPEX Installation Guidelines PEXINSTE-01.

2. Only fittings approved by BOW Plumbing Group's shall be used.
3. The BOWPEX plastic pipe shall not be exposed to direct sunlight.
4. Do not install BOWPEX pipe within 6" of any gas appliance vents, or within 12" of any recessed light fixtures.
5. BOWPEX plastic pipe should not be anchored rigidly, but allow 3/8" to 1/2" per yard of pipe for thermal expansion.

CERTIFICATION AND LABELING:

BOW Plumbing Group's certifies that the BOWPEX crosslinked polyethylene pipe and fittings and systems shall be produced in conformance to this MR, and are in compliance with a validation program at NSF International, Inc., in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, 24 CFR 200.935. NSF International, Inc. shall inspect the manufacturer's facility to assure that the quality assurance procedures are being followed. Four samples of this product shall be selected and tested each year to validate the manufacturer's conformance to the requirements of this MR. Each pipe and fittings certified as conforming to this MR, shall be labeled with the following information:

1. The NSF validation mark.
2. The manufacturer's name.
3. The manufacturer's conformance to this MR.

MANUFACTURING PLANT LOCATIONS:

The product covered under this MR will be produced at the following plant:

BOW Plastics, Ltd. 
15 Vittie
Granby, Quebec, Canada
J2G 6N8

WARRANTY:

BOW Plumbing Group's warrants the BOWPEX crosslinked polyethylene pipe and fittings systems for ten years (10), under normal use, against defects in materials and workman-ship. Should any defect or poor performance occur, BOW Plumbing Group's will make a full cost allowance for the replacement of the defective product.

MANUFACTURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

Issuance of this Materials Release (MR) commits the manufacturer to fulfill, as a minimum, the following:

1. Produce, label and certify the material, product or system in strict accordance with the terms of this MR.
2. Provide necessary corrective action in a timely manner for all cases of justified complaint, poor performance or failure reported by HUD.
3. When requested, provide the FHA Standards, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, HUD Headquarters, with a representative list of properties, in which the material, product or system has been used, including complete addresses or descriptions of locations and dates of installation.
4. Inform HUD in advance of changes in production facilities, methods, design of the product, company name, ownership or mailing address.

EVALUATION:

This MR shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of initial issuance or most recent renewal or revision, whichever is later. The holder of this MR shall apply for a renewal or revision 90 days prior to the Review Date printed on this MR. Submittals for renewal or revision shall be sent to:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
FHA Standards, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs
451 7th Street, SW, Room 9168
Washington, DC 20410-8000

Appropriate user fee shall be sent to:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Miscellaneous Income - Technical Suitability of Products Fees
Bank of America
P. O. Box 198762
Atlanta, GA 30384-8762

The holder of this MR may apply for revision at any time prior to the Review Date.
Minor revisions may be in the form of a supplement to the MR.

If the Department determines that a proposed renewal or supplement constitutes a revision, the appropriate User Fee for a revision will need to be submitted in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations 24 CFR 200.934, "User Fee System for the Technical Suitability of Products Program," and current User Fee Schedule.

CANCELLATION:

Failure to apply for a renewal or revision shall constitute a basis for cancellation of the MR. HUD will notify the manufacturer that the MR may be canceled when:

- conditions under which the document was issued have changed so as to affect production of, or to compromise the integrity of the accepted material, product, or system,
- 2. the manufacturer has changed its organizational form without notifying HUD, or
- 3. the manufacturer has not complied with responsibilities it assumed as a condition of HUD's acceptance.

However, before cancellation, HUD will give the manufacturer a written notice of the specific reasons for cancellation, and the opportunity to present views on why the MR should not be canceled. No refund of fees will be made on a canceled document.

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