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Dear Industry Professional:

A newly founded organization called the Certified Steel Stud Association (CSSA) takes a low-cost and simple approach to code compliance certification. CSSA is working with the ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) to set up requirements by which its members can obtain product certification from ICC-ES. As you probably know, ICC-ES is responsible for evaluating building products for building code compliance. Code Officials, Building Inspectors, Architects, Distributors and Contractors alike all know and recognize the ICC-ES name.

The sole purpose of CSSA is to enroll distributor-friendly manufacturer members into the certification program created and managed by ICC-ES; a subsidiary of the International Code Council (ICC), which develops the International Building Code (IBC). ICC-ES is an ANSI accredited listing agency fully complying with section 1703 of the IBC. ICC-ES President Shahin Moinian said, "ICC-ES is pleased to be the certification agency of choice by CSSA. It is our belief that this cooperation is beneficial to the industry." CSSA is pleased to announce three new members:

- Marino\WARE[®], with four manufacturing locations, and based in South Plainfield, NJ
- CEMCO[®], with four manufacturing locations, and based in City of Industry, CA
- Telling Industries[®], with three manufacturing locations, and based in Cambridge, OH

For more information on CSSA's purpose and cost of membership, please go to the web site at www.certifiedsteelstud.com. I invite all manufacturers to review the benefits of membership and consider joining CSSA; the association that makes third party certification for code compliance simple to understand for all, and low cost to achieve for manufacturers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chip Gardner". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Certified Steel Stud Association, Inc.

Chip Gardner

Chairman