



July 5, 2005

Mr. Douglas Holmberg  
John Wagner & Associates Inc.  
205 Mason Circle  
Concord, CA 94520

Our Reference: File R16799/Project 05NK17300

Subject: EFS Sealant For Gypsum Board Joints in U300, U400 and  
V400 Series Wall Assemblies

Dear Mr. Holmberg:

This is pursuant to Mr. Norm Johnston's request on July 5, 2005 concerning the above subject.

As discussed, your company's EFS Sealant, Classified under the Fill, Void or Cavity Materials category, may be used to seal the joint between gypsum boards and to cover the screw or nail heads in U300, U400 and V400 Series Wall and Partition Designs in the Fire Resistance Directory for that portion of the wall above a suspended ceiling which is part of a fire resistive Floor- or Roof-Ceiling assembly. Based on our test experience with your company's EFS Sealant fill material it is determined that your proposed usage will not adversely affect the hourly fire rating of the wall assembly.

Very truly yours,

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STEVEN J. HOFFMAN  
Staff Engineer  
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Reviewed by:

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