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## **ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> SAVE<sup>™</sup> Program First to Evaluate Products to Multiple Green Building Rating Systems**

*iLevel by Weyerhaeuser receives first SAVE<sup>™</sup> VAR<sup>™</sup> issued under expanded report scope*

A new, expanded report from the ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> SAVE<sup>™</sup> Program – Sustainable Attributes Verification and Evaluation<sup>™</sup> – is the first of its kind to both verify the sustainability of building materials and determine how the products may qualify for green building points within multiple green building rating systems. iLevel by Weyerhaeuser is the first company to receive this new, expanded Verification of Attributes Report<sup>™</sup> (VAR<sup>™</sup>-1008), which confirms multiple sustainable attributes of its structural framing products and explains how they can be eligible for green building points.

VAR<sup>™</sup>-1008 provides a single, comprehensive source for identifying how a given product or products can potentially contribute to points under one or more green building rating systems. In addition, it provides building professionals with an easy way to see how products fit into complex areas of green building, such as life cycle assessment (LCA).

The green building rating systems, standards and codes included in iLevel's VAR™ are the 2008 National Association of Home Builders' and International Code Council®'s (ICC®) *National Green Building Standard*™, U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) *LEED*® 2009 for *New Construction and Major Renovation* (as well as Version 2.2), USGBC's *LEED for Homes*, 2008 *California Green Building Standards Code* (Title 24, Part 11), and Green Building Initiative™'s Green Globes™.

In addition to evaluating iLevel products against specific rating system provisions, ICC-ES® evaluated them in four of the current SAVE™ categories: bio-based material content, regional materials or products, air quality emissions, and certified wood content.

“Interpreting green building provisions can prove to be a complicated process,” said Steve Thorsell, ICC-ES® Director of Special Projects. “This report is intended to provide additional assistance to builders, designers, specifiers, code officials and manufacturers by verifying the sustainable attributes of the iLevel products and services in putting this information in the context of green rating systems, standards and codes.”

“iLevel and Weyerhaeuser are in the business of sustainable management, but if you say you're green you have to prove it too,” said iLevel Green Buildings Program Director Rob Brooks. “SAVE™ provides another third-party verification that our products are sustainable and demonstrates to our customers that the products are eligible for multiple green rating systems.”

iLevel's full line of engineered wood products and solid sawn lumber are listed in the SAVE™ VAR™, including TJI® Joists, TimberStrand® Laminated Strand Lumber, Parallam® Parallel Strand Lumber, iLevel Edge™ and Edge Gold™ OSB floor panels, Microllam® Laminated Veneer Lumber, iLevel Framing Series® Lumber, iLevel Premium Joists and all other wood structural framing products. VAR™ -1008 also includes iLevel software programs and support services designed to improve structural frame efficiency and minimize job site wood waste.

To view the iLevel VAR™ -1008 and find a complete list of sustainable products successfully verified by the ICC-ES® SAVE™ Program, visit the Directory of Reports available at [www.icc-es.org/save](http://www.icc-es.org/save). Manufacturers who would like to have their products evaluated under the SAVE™

Program can review the Application Details on the website by clicking on the link above.

### **About ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> and ICC<sup>®</sup>**

A nonprofit, public-benefit corporation, ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> is the United States' leading evaluation service for innovative building materials, components and systems. The ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> Evaluation Reports<sup>®</sup> and PMG<sup>™</sup> Listing Program provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements in codes and standards. The ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> SAVE<sup>™</sup> Program provides verification that products have been independently verified as having the sustainable attributes claimed by the manufacturer to develop and advance sustainable design and construction. ICC-ES<sup>®</sup> is a subsidiary of the International Code Council<sup>®</sup>. [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)

The International Code Council<sup>®</sup>, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the building safety codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the safety codes developed by the International Code Council<sup>®</sup>. [www.icc-es.org](http://www.icc-es.org)

### **About iLevel by Weyerhaeuser**

iLevel is Weyerhaeuser's integrated residential, multi-family and light construction framing business providing seamless, unified building solutions. By offering the most comprehensive and innovative collection of proven structural framing materials, technical support and software in the building industry, and the means to distribute them efficiently, iLevel is leading the structural frame market and helping builders and dealers succeed in today's challenging business environment. [www.ilevel.com](http://www.ilevel.com)

### **About Weyerhaeuser**

Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world's largest forest products companies, was incorporated in 1900. In 2008, sales were \$8 billion. It has offices or operations in 10 countries, with customers worldwide. Weyerhaeuser is principally engaged in the growing and harvesting of timber; the manufacture, distribution and sale of forest products; and real estate construction and development. Additional information about Weyerhaeuser's businesses, products and practices is available at [www.weyerhaeuser.com](http://www.weyerhaeuser.com).

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