March 23, 2020

Re: Michigan and Indiana Stay at Home Orders

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The company presenting you with this letter is a member of the Midwest Building Suppliers Association, Inc. The Association has consulted with its attorneys regarding the appropriate actions for its members to take in light of the Orders and the exceptions provided in the Orders.

The Executive Order issued by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer permits workers to leave their homes if they are considered “critical infrastructure workers.” The Order specifically relies on the identification of such workers as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, which includes as critical infrastructure workers those who “support the manufacture and distribution of forest products, including, but not limited to timber, paper, and other wood products.”

The Stay at Home Order issued by Indiana Gov. Eric J. Holcomb provides exceptions for Essential Activities. Specifically, the Order provides exceptions for individuals to leave their homes to “provide any services or to perform any work necessary to offer, provision, operate, maintain, and repair “Essential Infrastructure” including construction. Distributors and supply chain companies producing and supplying essential products and services in and for industries such as the construction industry are recognized as Essential Businesses.

The Association and its members recognize the seriousness of governmental efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and this company has instructed its employees to follow all recommended procedures for minimizing potential exposure to themselves and others.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Murphy, CAE
Chief Executive Officer