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National Office Furniture Announces Certification to BIFMA's "level" Conformance Program

JASPER, Ind. – June 2nd, 2009 – Yesterday, June 1, 2009, the Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association (BIFMA) launched its industry-wide product certification program, **level™**, verifying conformance to the BIFMA e3 sustainability standard through independent, third-party approved certification process. National Office Furniture is pleased to announce that the majority of its products have earned **level** certification through BIFMA recognized third-party certifier, Scientific Certification Systems (SCS).

Previously, National products earned SCS Sustainable Choice™ Silver and Gold certifications based on the BIFMA e3 sustainability standard which will now be branded **level 1** and **level 2** certified by SCS. National was the first manufacturer to earn SCS Sustainable Choice Gold certification, now **level 2**. Currently, 92% of National's products earn either a **level 1** or **level 2** certification.

The BIFMA sustainability standard and **level** certification program are modeled after USGBC's LEED building rating with specific prerequisites, optional credits and three conformance levels, with **level 3** certification being the highest.

"We have to give our customers a simple and comprehensive way to understand how products contribute to green buildings and sustainability as a whole, and **level** will accomplish this," said Tom Reardon, BIFMA Executive Director.

"The **level** program is an important step forward by BIFMA and our industry in providing customers a consistent, reliable and objective approach through third-party certifiers when assessing sustainable viability among products. We have a strong commitment to sustainability which is evident with the vast majority of our products either earning a **level 1** or **level 2** certification," says Mendy Claridge, Product Line Manager, LEED AP for National.

National casegoods certified level 2:

Arrowood Laminate, Casbah, Entice, EnvyWorks, Franklin, Myriad Occasional Tables, WaveWorks, WaveWorks Conference Tops, WaveWorks Media & Presentation Components, WaveWorks Flip/Nest Training Tables

National casegoods certified level 1:

Arrowood Veneer, Barrington, Captivate, Clever, Escalade, Hiland, Lauderdale, Swift SideTables

National seating certified level 1:

Admire, Arlington, Aurora, Eloquence, Fuel, Gotcha, Journey, Justice, Medalist, Mix-it, Monterrey, Pennant, Remedy, Reno, Respect, Swift, Tag, Timberlane, Triumph, Wow

WaveWorks casegoods level™ 2 certified by SCS

Aurora seating level™ 1 certified by SCS



National Office Furniture (Furniture with Personality™), a division of Kimball International, is a Jasper, Indiana-based manufacturer of high-quality office furnishings. Since 1980, National has built a reputation for excellence with stylish furniture of exceptional value; a dedication to personalized service; product designs that reflect a passion for the user's comfort and productivity; and a commitment to environmental responsibility. For more information about National and its products, visit: www.NationalOfficeFurniture.com.

About BIFMA

Established in 1973, BIFMA's mission is to lead, advocate, inform and develop standards for the North American office and institutional furniture industry. As a not-for-profit organization, BIFMA provides an effective forum for members to cooperate and collaborate on appropriate industry issues. BIFMA develops voluntary product and industry standards that support safe, healthy and sustainable environments; publish key industry statistics; advocate for legislation and government regulation that have a direct impact on the health of the industry; and facilitate meaningful dialog and education to support their core services and the industry they serve.

About Scientific Certification Systems (SCS)

SCS is a global leader in independent certification of environmental, sustainability, food quality and food purity claims. For more than two decades, SCS has developed internationally recognized standards and certification programs aimed at spurring the highest level of environmental improvements, social accountability and product performance. SCS programs recognize accomplishments in agricultural production, food processing and handling, forestry, fisheries, flowers and plants, energy, green building, consumer and business product manufacturing and corporate social responsibility. For more information and a list of certified products, please visit <http://www.scscertified.com/gbc/level.php>