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The Engineered Wood Association

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to certify that the Florida Building Commission unanimously approved the following Declaratory Statement (DCA04-DEC-034), which is the formal interpretation of the Florida Building Code, at their meeting on April 20, 2004:

"Sections 2301 and 2314 of the Florida Building Code provide for specification standards for Structural Glued Laminated Timber and require that such products must be manufactured, inspected and marked. Thus, in accordance with Section 553.842(5), Florida Statutes, local approval of Structural Glued Laminated Timber may be achieved through building plans review and inspection providing that such products are inspected by an approved inspection agency. (Note: Glued Laminated Timber manufactured for use in the HVHZ is required to demonstrate compliance with S. 2315.1.2 in accordance with Rule 9B-72.)"

This Declaratory Statement clarifies that the structural glued laminated timber (glulam) products manufactured and trademarked in accordance with ANSI A190.1 meet the Florida Building Code requirements and are not required to be registered under the Florida Building Code Product Approval System provided that the products are inspected by an approved inspection agency. APA is a registered "approved inspection agency" under the Florida Building Code Product Approval System (QUA2521). Therefore, glulam products carrying the APA trademark, *APA EWS*, are exempted from the Florida Building Code Product Approval.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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