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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Cop-Guard™ from Hoover Treated Wood Products.

Independent corrosion testing was conducted by Timber Products Inspection of Conyers, Georgia, (Timber Products Project No. 09-0130) during 2009. This testing was performed following the American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) Standard E12-08 to compare the corrosion of metal coupons in contact with three types of pressure treated wood and untreated wood. The three wood treatments were ground contact 0.13 pcf Cop-Guard™ (Copper Naphthenate with mineral spirits carrier), ground contact 0.40 pcf CCA-C and ground contact 0.40 pcf ACQ-D.

Based on this testing, Hoover Treated Wood Treated Products, Inc. and Simpson Strong-Tie Co. Inc. jointly agree that the guidelines for selecting the proper Simpson connector and fastener coatings or types for use with ground contact Cop-Guard™ preserved wood should follow, as a minimum, the recommendations listed in the table below.

Coating or Material Type Recommendation for Connectors in Contact with Cop-Guard™ Treated Wood	
Environment	Corrosion Resistance Recommendation
Interior -dry	N/A - Cop-Guard™ is not recommended for interior applications
Exterior - wet	Med
Higher Exposure	High
Uncertain	High
Med = Use ZMax™/HDG galvanized connectors as a minimum. Use fasteners which meet the specifications of ASTM A153, ASTM B695 Class 55 or SDS screws with double-barrier coating. High = Use Type 303, 304, 305, or 316 Stainless Steel connectors and fasteners	

Also, prior to product selection, see Simpson Technical Bulletin T-PTWOOD (copy attached) and www.strongtie.com/info for additional important information.

Respectfully,

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