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## **New England Gypsum Floors introduces faster drying poured underlayment/topping product**

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To minimize downtime during installation New England Gypsum Floors has added USG's Levelrock Brand Quick-Top to its family of poured underlayments. This new self-leveling, high strength (5,000 - 6,000 psi) product dries within 15 hours at 1/2" depth. This allows the installation of tile, carpet, etc. the very next day. Imagine the savings to the end user when an unsightly floor can be resurfaced and have finished goods installed, literally overnight.

Designed for use in commercial and multifamily renovations, as well as new construction, Levelrock Quick-Top underlayment is ideal for repairing damaged, uneven flooring or for topping rough or spalled concrete. The product can be applied over cementitious or gypsum subfloors at 1/4 to 1/2 inch thickness, providing a smooth and flat surface. Its monolithic surface accepts a variety of floor coverings, including carpet, ceramic tile, wood laminate, hardwood and vinyl. The Quick-Top can also function as an attractive finished floor when a compatible coating system is used providing a distinct aesthetic look for condominiums, offices, retail outlets, schools, hospitals, airports and other applications.

The product's drying time (conventional poured concrete required 28 days or more, while other underlayments need five to seven days or more to dry, depending on thickness and job conditions) and high production rates allow for continued trade traffic within hours of installation. This summer New England Gypsum Floors applied over 10,000 s/f of Quick-Top in a mall in just one evening. When the other trades arrived the next day, the floor was ready for final build out with zero impact on scheduling! This is just one example of how this remarkable new technology speeds job completion thereby putting a facility back "on line" sooner.

In addition, Quick-Top can be used in conjunction with existing Levelrock systems to meet UL (Underwriters Laboratories) fire-rated design requirements as well as IBC (International Building Code) sound criteria.

The underlayment's quick drying time also limits the potential for mold and mildew formation. Moreover, because the product formulation has less water than competing brands, it introduces less moisture into the structure.

The amount of floor preparation needed to successfully bond the Quick-Top to the substrate is minimal. It does not require shotblasting. This feature further shortens job time and enhances the overall value of this floor system.

After over 30 years in the poured underlayment industry, we at New England Gypsum Floors (the name hasn't changed but the nature and composition of our products has) thought we had seen it all. We hadn't. The Quick-Top is the most self-leveling, hardest material we've seen.

Quick-Top is the latest, but only one of the many value-added Levelrock products that New England

Gypsum Floors has to offer because of our alliance with the Specialty Products Division of USG. Their innovative research and stringent quality control assessments have helped us to provide our customers the very best value in the market.

For information on Quick-Top or any of our other Levelrock brand products contact us at [info@negf.com](mailto:info@negf.com).

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