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Sika Sarnafil earns platinum certification to NSF/ANSI 347 Sustainability Assessment

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Sika Sarnafil, the worldwide market leader in thermoplastic roofing and waterproofing membranes, is the first manufacturer to achieve Platinum Certification to the NSF/ANSI 347 Sustainability Assessment for Single Ply Roofing Membranes for their S327 and G410 roofing membranes. NSF/ANSI 347 is the leading consensus standard for evaluating and certifying sustainable attributes of single ply roofing membranes over their entire product life cycle.

"Sika Sarnafil is proud to lead the single ply roofing industry with the first platinum certified single ply membranes. Our commitment to sustainable roofing business practices is evident in this achievement as well as in our robust roof recycling program and ISO 14001 and Responsible Care certifications," said Brian Whelan, senior vice president of Sika Sarnafil.

The NSF/ANSI 347 Sustainability Standard for Single Ply Membranes provides objective, neutral and transparent data to use to compare and assess the sustainable nature of different products. Based on life-cycle assessment principles, NSF/ANSI 347 employs an easy-to-use point system to evaluate roofing membrane products against established prerequisite requirements, performance criteria and quantifiable metrics in five key areas:

1. Product design
2. Product manufacturing
3. Membrane durability
4. Corporate governance
5. Innovation

Criteria examples include environmental management systems, energy conservation, waste minimization, water conservation and greenhouse gas reductions. Certification is based on point totals to achieve: Conformant, Silver, Gold, or Platinum level. Platinum indicates the highest score and the highest certification earned.

Sika Sarnafil has led the industry in developing roofing and waterproofing systems that meet the key sustainability goals of energy efficiency, environmentally preferable products, greenhouse gas reduction, and waste reduction including an industry-wide PVC Roof Membrane Recycling Program through which Sika Sarnafil has processed nearly 40 million pounds of roofing membrane since 2005. Sika Sarnafil is the only roofing manufacturer to recycle old roofing membrane into new roofing membrane and whose recycled content claims have been UL certified.

"Sustainable roofing is an important component of sustainable construction," added Whelan. "Sika Sarnafil products and initiatives have been a hallmark of sustainability in commercial and industrial buildings for over 45 years. NSF/ANSI 347 enables building owners, architects, and contractors to more easily compare products and manufacturers based on their sustainability, environmental impact and practices."

