We began down the path to secure CCMC certification for our made-in-the-North prefabricated engineered wall panels after the NWT Housing Corporation stated that it could accept only CCMC certified products. We have met the challenge, and are now able to meet the NWT Housing Corporation's needs for complete pre-engineered building packages. The NWT Housing Corporation no longer needs to look "South of 60" to meet these needs. We would like to request the Minister of Housing in the N.W.T. and his staff at the NWT Housing Corporation to change the method of tendering from conventional framing to also consider alternative pre-engineered housing packages with CCMC approved panel systems. Energy Wall & Building Products Ltd. can then price those tenders as an alternative NWT manufactured product. As Mr.Gilles Poirier's letter states, the Minister of Housing in Ontario is authorized to make rulings approving the use of independently evaluated material, systems or building design....... (please see attached letter). We would like you to request that our NWT Minister of Housing do the same for NWT products evaluated by CCMC for residential use.

We are glad to share our good news with you and your Legislative Assembly colleagues, and look forward to what we can do to help meet priorities of Northern job creation and housing. Energy Wall & Building Products Ltd. plant has the capacity to produce a complete package for a 1200 square foot house in two days and the employment capacity of thirty Northern workers. (This staff level includes our millwork shop, manufacturing plant (floor joists, roof trusses, wall systems, stairs) and central services (design, estimating, marketing and administration).

We are enclosing sufficient copies of this letter, and the CCMC certification for you to distribute to all members of the Legislative Assembly. It is our opinion that this is a great achievement, not only for our company but also for the North. We would like you to announce this letter from us on the floor of the Legislative Assembly as our MLA representative.

We thank you and other MLAs for the support that we received until now and we hope to continue working as a team.

Sincerely,

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Hon. Tony Whitford, MLA Legislative Assembly of the NWT Box 1320 Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2L9

Dear Mr. Whitford,

RE: National Certification for our product (Canada North Construction)

This past week, the National Research Council's Canadian Construction Materials Centre (CCMC) confirmed that it has certified a wall panel system that is manufactured by our company. The certification, which has been granted to only five other Canadian manufacturers, is a first for the North. Certification means that the product can be used nationally in construction projects financed by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) mortgage insurance. The majority of new residential buildings in Canada carry CMHC mortgage insurance.

Our company has manufactured roof trusses and floor joists for many years. As well, we operate a complete millwork shop. With this certification, our company, for the first time in the N.W.T. has the capabilities, products and plant facilities in Yellowknife to produce complete preengineered, panelized house packages to nationally certified standards. This made-for-the-North panel system provides a great advantage to building in Northern conditions. Panels assemble quickly into a quality pre-engineered structure that is energy-efficient and competitively priced.

Energy Wall & Building Products Ltd. developed this envelope panel system over the past five years with technical support provided by northern team of our staff and engineering/architectural specialists Ferguson, Simek, Clark. In addition to CCMC a division of National Research Council's representative in the North, Mr. Craig d'Entremont (of the Aurora Research Institute), the Northern product development team also included people from the GNWT's department of Public Works and Government Services(technical department), and Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development(North Slave Regional Office). We are most grateful to the Government of the Northwest Territories for the support that has been provided to get to this stage.