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AMCA-CERTIFIED WIND-DRIVEN SAND REJECTION LOUVERS CAN BE SPECIFIED WITH CONFIDENCE MARKET CAN MEET DEMAND

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill., January 30, 2017 - The Air Movement and Control Association (AMCA) International Inc. that six manufacturers now have certified a total of seven sand louver models for wind-driven sand rejection in accordance with the AMCA Certified Ratings Program at the 2017 AHR Expo. The manufacturers, all located in Dubai, UAE, are: Ruskin Titus Gulf LLC; Energy Industrial Corporation of UAE; Aldes Middle East FZE; Prime Air Conditioning Industries, Inc; Ontario Specialty Architectural Products FZE; and Construction Specialties Middle East LLC.

Sand louvers protect air systems from wind-driven sand, which can enter mechanical rooms to foul equipment and clog air filters ahead of their normal service life. Certifying sand louvers enables the comparison of manufacturers' ratings for sand rejection based on test data in accordance with ANSI/AMCA Standard 500-L (Rev. 2015), Laboratory Methods of Testing Louvers for Rating.

Ratings tests for sand rejection are being conducted to AMCA Standard 500-L by Thomas Bell-Wright International Consultants in Dubai, which is accredited by AMCA International as an independent laboratory. Certification of the test data was performed by AMCA staff in compliance with AMCA Publication 511-10 (Rev. 2015), Product Rating Manual for Air Control Devices.

Because the number of certified sand louver models has reached critical mass, the following language can be added to office, project, and guideline specifications to require AMCA certification:

The sand louver shall be licensed to bear the AMCA Certified Ratings Program seal for air performance and wind-driven sand in accordance with AMCA Publication 511. The sand louver shall be tested in accordance with AMCA Standard 500-L.

"AMCA commends these six companies for putting the first sand louvers through the AMCA Certified Ratings Program for wind-driven sand rejection," said Dan Manole, PhD, Director of Certification, AMCA International. "Other companies are following their lead and undergoing certification of their performance data, so we anticipate an even wider selection of certified-products to choose from for specifiers."

For more information about the AMCA Certified Sand Louver Program and to search for AMCA-certified products, visit <http://www.amca.org/certified-listed/certifiedsandlouvers.php>.

About AMCA International

The Air Movement and Control Association (AMCA) International Inc. is a not-for-profit trade association with more than 370 member companies worldwide representing more than \$3 billion in annual revenue. AMCA's mission is to advance the health, growth and integrity of the air movement and control industry, with programs like certified ratings, verification of compliance and

international standard development. AMCA also advocates for model codes, regulations and utility incentive programs that promote efficiency and life safety. **For more information about AMCA, visit www.amca.org.**