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AMCA INTERNATIONAL CERTIFIES FIRST LOUVERS FOR WIND-DRIVEN SAND REJECTION

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill., October 27, 2016 - The Air Movement and Control Association (AMCA) International Inc. announced at its 2016 Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. that the first sand louvers have been certified for wind-driven sand rejection in accordance with the AMCA Certified Ratings Program. Ruskin Titus Gulf, located in Dubai, UAE, has two sand louvers licensed to bear this AMCA seal.

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 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.

"AMCA commends Ruskin Titus Gulf 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 have tested and are undergoing certification of their performance data, so we look forward to this new program gaining the momentum it deserves."

"We are very excited to have received AMCA's wind-driven sand certification for louvers," said Mr. Saad Ali, General Manager, Ruskin Titus Gulf. "Being first shows our willingness to open our doors to an independent body like AMCA to rigorously evaluate our products. It also demonstrates our commitment to meeting the high standards set by our customers for safety and quality."

For more information about sand louvers, visit www.amca.org/whitepapers. For more information about the AMCA Certified Ratings Program and to search for AMCA-certified products, visit www.amca.org/certified.



About AMCA International

The Air Movement and Control Association (AMCA) International Inc. is a not-for-profit trade association with more than 360 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.**

A high-resolution image of the Wind Driven Sand Performance Seal can be found in AMCA's [public press folder](#).