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AMCA INTERNATIONAL ADDS SAND LOUVERS TO CERTIFIED RATINGS PROGRAM

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill., January 19, 2016 – The Air Movement and Control Association (AMCA) International Inc. announces the addition of sand louvers to the AMCA Certified Ratings Program. This announcement was made at the AMCA Middle East Region Annual Meeting at the H Hotel in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on Jan. 13-14, 2016.

Sand louvers protect air systems from intrusive wind-driven sand, which can clog air filters ahead of their normal service life. Sand louvers thereby are a cost-effective way for improving air-system performance and reducing lifecycle costs. 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 exclusively by Thomas Bell-Wright International Consultants in Dubai, which was accredited by AMCA International as an independent laboratory at a signing ceremony held January 13, 2016.

Certification of test data must be performed in compliance with AMCA Publication 511-10 (Rev. 2015), *Product Rating Manual for Air Control Devices*.

"AMCA commends the international committee of sand louver experts who amended AMCA 500-L and AMCA 511 to facilitate this new certification," said Mark Stevens, Executive Director, AMCA International. This is the first time a regional AMCA entity outside the United States developed a specialized product certification as part of an international standard.

AMCA Standard 500-L is now available for purchase, and AMCA 511 is available for free download at AMCA Store at www.amca.org/store.

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 administers a Certified Ratings Program for air-system products; develops international rating



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standards; and assists in the development of model codes, standards, and regulations that promote energy efficiency and life safety. For more information about AMCA, visit www.amca.org.

About Thomas Bell-Wright International Consultants

Thomas Bell-Wright International Consultants is a Dubai-based, multi-accredited and privately held engineering firm providing independent testing, inspection and certification services primarily for the building construction sector. The company, which has been operating in Dubai for more than 20 years, is accredited to ISO 17025 and by AMCA International.



Thomas Bell-Wright (Left), President, Thomas Bell-Wright International Consultants and Mark Stevens (Right), Executive Director, AMCA International, sign contract for sand louver testing in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.



AMCA Certified Ratings Program seal for sand louvers.