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**YKK AP America Leads the Façades Industry in Environmental Manufacturing  
Transparency with Third-Party Certified EPDs**

*Seven certified categories offer architects solutions to meet LEED v4 requirements*

**AUSTELL, Ga. (Nov. 18, 2015)** – [YKK AP America, Inc.](#) (YKK AP) is proud to announce the completion of a life cycle analysis (LCA) spanning all seven façade categories produced in its ISO14001-certified commercial manufacturing center in Dublin, Ga. YKK AP can now provide product-specific Type III environmental product declarations (EPDs) for its entrances, storefronts, curtain walls, window walls, windows, balcony doors and sun controls. The EPDs have obtained third-party validation and certification from [UL Environment](#), one of North America’s most trusted EPD program operators. YKK AP is the first manufacturer to provide Type III EPDs and voluntarily disclose the environmental impacts for an entire product portfolio dedicated to commercial building façades.

“With the release of LEED v4, building product manufacturers have been put on notice that environmental transparency is increasingly becoming an important attribute in the product selection process,” said Mike Turner, vice president of marketing for YKK AP. “To further support our environmental mission to mitigate the impact of our manufacturing, we worked with leading sources in sustainable manufacturing to document the life cycle of our products and provide public transparency with our EPDs.”

LEED v4 is the U.S. Green Building Council’s first major update to credit requirements. Projects seeking certification to this version can earn “Materials and Resource” credits by utilizing products that have EPDs. Product-specific Type III EPDs provide the highest credit value as the product’s environmental footprint can be more accurately reported.

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“Aluminum is a major component of YKK AP’s commercial product offering and has the most readily recognized recycling programs in the world,” added Turner. “Combined with our focus of minimizing our environmental footprint throughout the manufacturing process, YKK AP’s products are well suited to the green building movement. The availability of EPDs will allow us to help the industry make informed decisions about the products selected for high-performance buildings and also help us refine and manage our manufacturing processes to improve environmental performance and become a more sustainable company.”

For more information about the YKK AP America Environmental Product Declarations, please visit <http://www.ykkap/EPD>.

#### **About YKK AP America**

YKK AP America Inc. manufactures entrances, storefronts, curtain walls, window walls, sunshades, windows and sliding doors for office buildings, residential high-rises, schools, stadiums, shopping centers and institutional structures. All building products are manufactured in Dublin, Ga. in ISO 14001 certified facilities that operate in a sustainable manner by reducing pollution and waste. The company is also recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy for Exceptional Leadership in Industrial Energy Efficiency. YKK AP America is based in Austell, Ga. and is a subsidiary of YKK Corporation of America, whose parent company is global manufacturer YKK Corporation of Japan. For more information, visit [www.ykkap.com](http://www.ykkap.com) and follow YKK AP on [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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