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Armaflex products gain the RAL quality mark for insulation materials made of polymeric foam

Reliable guidance for users; systematic market monitoring

Münster, 14 February 2013. – Armaflex premium products now bear the RAL quality mark for thermal insulating polymeric foam (FEF) and thus fulfil the quality and testing regulations of the *Güteschutzgemeinschaft Hartschaum e.V. (GSH)*, the German quality assurance association for rigid foam. Technical insulation materials with the RAL quality mark provide distributors, installers and the end customer with a high degree of certainty when selecting products.

Strict monitoring of the quality and testing regulations

The RAL quality mark for insulation materials made of polymeric foam (RAL FEF/PEF) was introduced in spring 2011, thus creating the first monitoring system which applies to all industry participants throughout Europe and exceeds the minimum requirements of the European standards. At the same time, the RAL FEF/PEF Quality Mark prevents increased complexity by largely dispensing with voluntary national approvals and test certificates. Characteristic for RAL quality marks is the strict monitoring of quality and testing regulations. This ensures that they provide dependable guidance for the user.

Systematic market monitoring

The executive board of the GSH and the European FEF and PEF Interest Group (CEFEP) are currently developing a process of systematic market monitoring. Random samples are to be taken from wholesalers throughout Europe at regular intervals so that their key technical properties can be tested by independent institutes. If the technical values deviate from those communicated by the manufacturers, corrective measures take effect and in extreme cases the CE mark may be revoked. Since 1 August 2012 only technical insulation materials which comply with the European product standards and bear the CE mark may be sold in the European Community.

Information about RAL quality marks
(RAL German institute for quality assurance and marking)

RAL has been awarding quality marks since 1925. The bodies responsible for the quality marks are the quality assurance groups approved by RAL. There are currently over 130 quality assurance groups and almost 170 quality marks from nearly every area of life. More than 9,000 German and foreign companies use RAL quality marks in the German, European and worldwide market. RAL quality marks provide consumers, companies and the public sector with reliable guidance when selecting products and services.

Information about Armacell

Armacell is a manufacturer of engineered foams and the world leader in the market for flexible technical insulation materials. In the financial year 2011, the company had a gross annual turnover of around 448 million euros. The group of companies has approximately 2,440 employees and 19 factories in 13 countries. It is headquartered in Münster, Germany. Apart from ARMAFLEX, the leading brand in the field of flexible technical insulation, the company also produces thermoplastic insulation materials, covering systems, fire protection and noise control products, special foams for a multitude of industrial applications and foam cores which are used as composite materials. Further information on the company can be found at www.armacell.com.

Caption:

Armaflex premium products now bear the RAL Quality Mark (Photo: Armacell)