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## **VT INDUSTRIES INC. ARCHITECTURAL WOOD DOORS ASSIST WITH NEWEST VERSION OF LEED®**

(Holstein, IA, April 28, 2009) The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) launched its latest Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) green building certification system, LEED Version 3, on April 27, 2009. The newly updated program features changes to the commercial and institutional rating systems. These changes were made to create credit consistency, give extra credit to energy efficiency, and include new regional credit.

VT Architectural Wood Doors meet several of the new LEED v3 credits, including the realigned recycled content (MR 4.1/4.2) and regional material (MR 5.1/5.2) credits. These four credits have been reduced to two credits, MR 4 Recycled Content and MR 5 Regional Materials, worth 1 or 2 points respectively. Credits are awarded for achieving 10% and 20% levels for the amount of pre and postconsumer recycled materials and materials extracted, harvested, or recovered, and manufactured within 500 miles of the building in which it is to be used.

VT agrifiber core doors assist with the above credits, along with MR 6 Rapidly Renewable and EQ 4.4 Composite Wood and Agrifiber Product credits, totaling 6 supported LEED v3 credits. FSC® certified particleboard doors are available for assistance with 4 credits. Stave, structural composite lumber (SCL) and mineral core options are also available for help with achieving LEED building certification.

VT is proud to offer sustainable products to the green building industry and service architects, building owners, and contractors with LEED guidance, supported by two LEED Accredited Professionals on staff. VT Architectural Wood Doors have been specified in several noteworthy LEED buildings, including the Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas, in Houston, Texas, the first LEED Platinum hospital, and Nationals Stadium in Washington, D.C.

### **About VT Industries**

VT Industries Inc., is a leading manufacturer of premium wood veneer, high-pressure decorative laminate (HPDL), and stile & rail architectural wood doors for all commercial applications. VT also

manufacturers postform laminate and quartz countertops. VT has nine manufacturing facilities located in the U.S. and Canada.

### **About the USGBC**

The U.S. Green Building Council is a nonprofit membership organization with a vision of a sustainable built environment within a generation. Its membership includes corporations, builders, universities, government agencies, and other nonprofit organizations. For more information, visit [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org).