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Photoluminescent Safety Association President Issues Statement on Proposed International Building Code on Exit Pathway Markings

Arlington, VA, June 5, 2007—Photoluminescent Safety Association President Phil Befumo has issued the following statement regarding the 2007 Supplement of the International Building Code, which was approved on May 24 at the final hearings of the International Code Council (ICC) in Rochester, NY. The newly revised International Building Code now mandates luminous path markings in the stairwells of most new high-rise buildings over 75 feet in height.

“The members of the Photoluminescent Safety Association are very pleased with the ICC membership’s decision to revise the International Building Code to include luminous path markings. We believe that Photoluminescent markings provide the most reliability and offer the most fail proof and economical solution of all luminous technologies currently available in the market.

“New York City passed Local Law 26 in June 2004 requiring photoluminescent exit path markings in high rise office buildings. This law mandates retroactive installation of photoluminescent exit signs and markings in high rise office buildings.

“Photoluminescent path markings provide safety with savings because Photoluminescent path markings require no extra energy to operate, work when other systems fail, are easy and inexpensive to install and maintain, are energy efficient, and provide safe, reliable egress from buildings in emergency situations. Put simply, they save lives.”

PSA is dedicated to generating broad-based acceptance of safety-grade photoluminescent products. Photoluminescent products improve safety through such products as exit signs, low-level egress pathway marking systems, and general safety signage.

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