

SPECIFIER NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT IS INTENDED TO BE A GUIDE FOR RESEARCHING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES RELATIVE TO BUILDING PRODUCTS. ISSUES ARE ORGANIZED UNDER THREE PRIMARY CATEGORIES: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, TOXICITY, AND PERFORMANCE.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT QUESTIONNAIRE (EIQ)

I. DIRECTIONS

- A. Complete the following questionnaire and submit for review to:
Toshikazu Tanaka
- B. Relate information concerning only one product per questionnaire.
- C. All questions may not apply to every product or manufacturer. It is not expected the manufacturer will have addressed all of the environmental concerns expressed in the EIQ.
1. Respond to every question even if response is "not available", "not applicable", or "no".
 2. Attach additional sheets as required. Reference additional sheets to correspond with the question number.

II. IDENTIFICATION

- A. Material/Product: Particleboard

Brand Name: PrimeBoard

Manufacturer: PrimeBoard, Inc.

What is the primary use or application for this product?

The product can be used for any application that traditional wood-based particleboard was used for.

- B. Contact for EIQ:

Name: PrimeBoard, Inc.

Address: 2441 North 15th Street, Wahpeton ND Zip Code: 58075

Telephone: 701-642-3286 FAX: 701-642-3287 Date: January 26, 2005

III. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

A. Renewable Resources:

- 1. List renewable resources used as product raw materials. Provide percentage amounts in relation to complete (100 percent) product.

<u>Renewable Resource</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Agricultural fiber	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- 2. Does manufacturer obtain raw materials or fabricate this product outside of the United States:

No

- a. If yes, are United States environmental standards or more strict standards followed in these countries: ____Y ____N?

- b. List countries involved.

B. Managed Resources:

- 1. Does extraction of product raw materials or fabrication of this product affect endangered specie(s): No

- a. If yes, list species and describe effect, including methods for negative effects.

<u>Endangered Species</u>	<u>Effect</u>
_____	_____

- 2. Products Containing Wood: Are wood materials obtained from certified sustainable forestry operations: No

- a. If yes, provide name of certification organization for each wood species being used in this project.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Certification Organization</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

b. If no, state where the product resources are produced and describe forestry operations.

Product Resources

Forestry Operations

C. Recycled Content:

1. List recycled materials used as product raw materials; distinguish pre-consumer and post-consumer materials. Provide percentage amounts in relation to complete (100 percent) product.

Recycled Material

% Pre-Consumer

% Post-Consumer

D. Embodied Energy:

1. Product Transport:

a. Where are raw materials acquired? Identify state and country.

Raw Material

Source (State and Country)

Wheat Straw _____

The United States _____

b. Describe means of transporting raw materials to the manufacturing plant.

Raw Material

Transportation

c. Where is product manufactured/fabricated? Identify state and country.

Wahpeton ND _____

d. Is the product warehoused locally, regionally, or nationally?

Locally _____

e. Describe means of transporting product to distribution facilities.

2. Production Energy: List energy sources used in production process; indicate which are renewable energy sources (e.g. wind, solar). Provide percentage amounts in relation to complete (100 percent) product.

<u>Energy Sources</u>	<u>Renewable</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
<u>Manufacturing by-product</u> _____	No _____	_____
_____	___Y ___N	_____
_____	___Y ___N	_____

3. Provide an embodied energy study of the product from extraction of raw materials through production and assembly. Include an estimate for the total number of BTU's required per pound of finished products. Identify parameters for study.

4. Describe measures the manufacturer has taken to minimize energy usage in the production process.

E. Reuse/Recyclability/Disposal:

1. Reuse:

- a. Can product be reused directly (in same or similar use): No
- b. If yes, discuss the possibility of direct reuse of the product after project demolition.

2. Recycling:

- a. Can product be recycled: No

b. If yes, list the parts of the product which can be post-consumer recycled into raw materials for the product and the parts which can be post-consumer recycled into other types of items. Provide percentage amounts in relation to complete (100 percent) product.

<u>Post-Consumer - Raw</u>	<u>Post-Consumer - Other</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

c. If yes, describe the process of separation of the parts for post-consumer recycling from the product.

d. If yes, list current markets using recycled materials from the product.

e. If yes, estimate the practical number of times this item can be recycled. _____

3. Describe the manufacturer's policy and program to facilitate the recycling or reuse of its product by accepting product returns at the end of their "useful life".

IV. TOXICITY/HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

A. Toxic/Hazardous By-Products:

- 1. List the production wastes involved with the manufacture of this item. Distinguish the production wastes between toxic and non-toxic. Provide percentage amounts in relation to complete (100 percent) product.

<u>Toxic</u>	<u>Non-Toxic</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Wheat straw _____	non-toxic _____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- 2. Estimate the quantity of production waste produced per unit of finished product.

- 3. Is reclamation of production waste done on site: Yes. With outside services:
No.
 - a. If outside services are used, list companies involved.

- 4. Is waste water reclaimed by manufacturer: No
 - a. If yes, describe the process of recycling/reuse of waste water.

- 5. Describe the manufacturer's active steps to minimize or eliminate production wastes; include process of liquid and solid waste material treatment or reclamation if performed at manufacturing site.

They make pellets and sell them. _____

6. Describe the manufacturing procedures and chemicals involved that would be considered better than industry standard.

They have a self-sustaining plant. _____

B. Toxic/Hazardous Contents (carcinogens and other hazards inherent in product/material):

1. Provide a complete chemical profile of the item; include all chemical components and provide percentage amounts in relation to complete (100 percent) product; identify biocides (mildewcides or in-can preservatives) and carcinogens listed by any of the following:

- a. United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Carcinogen Assessment Group (CAG) list of carcinogens.
- b. Clean Air Act Sections 109, 111, and 112.
- c. The National Toxicology Program's latest published "Annual Report on Carcinogens".
- d. IARC Human Carcinogens (Group 1, 2A, and 2B).
- e. California Proposition 65.

<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Carcinogen</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
_____	___ Y ___ N	_____
_____	___ Y ___ N	_____
_____	___ Y ___ N	_____
_____	___ Y ___ N	_____
_____	___ Y ___ N	_____
_____	___ Y ___ N	_____

C. Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS):

1. Provide Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).
- a. Articles: Finished products which are manufactured off-site and shipped to the project for installation while conforming to Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, OSHA Hazard Communication Regulation 29CFR 1910.1200, Section (b)5 and Section (c) are defined as articles. If by being defined as an article, a MSDS has not been developed for

a particular product, then provide MSDS on raw materials, goods, and items used in the fabrication of that article.

D. Outgassing/Reactivity:

1. Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC):

a. Are CFC's or HCFC's used in the manufacture and/or content of the item specified:

No

b. If CFC's or HCFC's were previously used in the product and/or its manufacture, describe measures taken by manufacturer to eliminate their use.

2. Indoor Air Quality:

a. Does the product outgas (emit) carcinogens or other hazardous substances into the air after installation, including final curing/drying: NO

b. If yes, submit IAQ test report.

E. Electromagnetic Radiation:

1. Does the product emit electromagnetic radiation: No

2. If yes, at what rate per hour? _____

3. If yes, describe methods for installation, use, and maintenance of product to minimize generation of and occupant exposure to electromagnetic radiation.

F. Compliance with Regulations (Environmental Statutory Compliance):

1. Does the manufacturer meet all federal, state, and local environmental laws, including laws governing air emissions, waste water treatment, and solid waste disposal/treatment:

Yes

2. Has the manufacturer met the above criteria for the previous five years: Yes

3. List the applicable standard.

4. Does the product meet applicable industry standards, such as ASTM, Green Seal, manufacturing standards, LA or NY research report numbers, and UL approvals: Yes. List these standards.

V. PERFORMANCE - INSTALLATION

A. Environmental Procedures/Precautions:

1. Describe special procedures and precautions to be used while handling and installing the product:

They have the strictest policy to ensure the consistency of PrimeBoard. For any project, the properties and quality will be the same from the first board to the last.

2. Identify accessories, such as fasteners, sealers, and adhesives that are non-toxic (or less toxic than industry standard), energy efficient, or recycled or recyclable products?

PrimeBoard is produced with a new adhesive called MDI.

B. Installation Energy:

1. Product Transport: List the means to transport the finished product to the construction site.

Their heading and manufacturing system are powered with by-products from the manufacturing process.

2. Installation: List energy means and describe energy requirements for installation of the product.

See above.

C. Construction Waste:

1. List the recommended method(s) for proper products disposal; stipulate preferred method and restrictions which might apply.

_They make pellets and sell them. They also burn the waste off or put it back into the production cycle. _____

2. Comment on the environmental impact of the product as a waste material.
Wheat straw is the waste originally for farmers so there is not really waste.

3. Packaging:

a. Describe packaging for the product.

b. Does manufacturer accept return of used packaging for reuse: ___Y ___N?

c. If yes, state limitations and procedures for packaging return.

VI. PERFORMANCE - OPERATIONS

A. Maintenance

1. Describe the recommended cleaning and maintenance for the product using products which have minimal VOC emission.

2. Estimate the "useful life" expectancy for this product.
They said people want to get a new stuff by the time the board becomes useless.

3. Are replacement parts available: ___Y ___N?

a. If yes, can replacement parts be installed in the field: ___Y ___N?

4. Provide a copy of the life cycle analysis for this product.
5. Provide a copy of the manufacturer's warranty for this product.

B. Energy Efficiency (energy required to operate/maintain):

1. Estimate BTU's required to operate the product when new? _____; after five years? _____; after ten years? _____

C. Compliance with Regulations (Environmental Statutory Compliance):

1. Does the product meet all federal, state, and local environmental laws, including laws governing energy efficiency and air emissions: Yes.
2. Has the product met the above criteria for the previous five years: Yes.
3. List the applicable standards.

VII. CORPORATE COMMITMENT

A. Corporate Environmental Policy:

1. Provide copy of manufacturer's stated environmental policies.

None listed

END OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT QUESTIONNAIRE