



Angelus Block Co., Inc.

NEWS RELEASE

Angelus Block Publishes First Externally Verified Environmental Product Declaration for Concrete Masonry Products

Southern California concrete block producer is the first to publish a Type III EPD based on the new Product Category Rules for Manufactured Concrete and Concrete Masonry Products.

Sun Valley, CA April 14, 2015 – Angelus Block Co., Inc., the largest manufacturer and supplier of concrete masonry unit (CMU) products in Southern California, announced the release today of the first Type III Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) under the new Product Category Rules (PCR) for CMU.

The EPD for Angelus Block Concrete Masonry Units represents “our continued commitment to the green building market by providing leading edge, and highly useable tools to inform architectural design decisions,” said Edward Antonini, President, Angelus Block. “Concrete masonry is an essential building system, and our goal is to educate stakeholders in the building process about its inherent, and extensive, green attributes. A considerable portion of our website is dedicated to it. The Type III EPD is an important progression in our support of green rating systems in general, and to material transparency in particular.”

Architects have the challenge of balancing sustainable goals, client needs, and practical material choices for successful execution in the field. “By evaluating materials with EPDs,” said Craig Biggi, Principal Associate, Gruen Associates, Los Angeles, “architects are able to get a more comprehensive understanding of the sustainable merits of a product, and how these material choices affect the environment we live in. Manufacturers such as Angelus Block providing transparent environmental information consolidated in a verified summary is definitely a step in the right direction.”

The EPD includes a substantial set of 69 individual mix designs for products from each of their seven CMU manufacturing locations in and beyond the Los Angeles metroplex.

“We provide a considerable cross-section of our product lines,” said Antonini. “For the EPD to be as effective as possible, we needed to cover multiple materials, unit sizes and configurations to have our core products fully represented.”

Angelus Block's EPD is available for download at

http://www.angelusblock.com/docs/Angelus_Block_CMU_Type_III_EPD.pdf.

About Angelus Block

Angelus Block Co., Inc. is a producer of concrete masonry products and interlocking concrete pavers, with headquarters in the Sun Valley area of Los Angeles, California, with a longstanding leadership role in the concrete masonry industry. Founded in 1946, Angelus Block now has eight manufacturing locations serving an extended Southern California region from Fresno to the Mexican border.

Angelus Block features one of the most extensive lines of architectural concrete masonry products available, including top national brands for specialty cmu and preblended mortars. The company's products are supplied to the entire cross-section of the building industry, including big-box retailers, lifestyle centers, high-rise hospitality, campuses for every level of schools and colleges, performing arts complexes, mixed-use, highway soundwalls, and residential.

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