

Product Compatibility Evaluation – LEED® - NC Canada

GA Product Evaluation No. **09-004-V01**

Date of Evaluation: **November 2009**

Product Name: **TUF-BAR™**

Product Type: **Fibrous Reinforcing**

Manufacture Name: **BP Composites Ltd**

Master Format Code: **03 24 00**

Product Description:

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Product Evaluation:

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Energy & Atmosphere

Credit No.	Credit Name	Credit Requirements	Product Compliance
Prerequisite 2 & Credit 1	Minimum & Optimize Energy Performance	Design building to be energy efficient and model design against ASHRAE and MNECB standards. Achieve 18% or 25% energy reduction respectively.	Product is thermally non-conductive and therefore does not act as a thermal bridge.

Materials & Resources

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2.1 & 2.2	Construction Waste Management: 50% and 75%	Divert 50% to 75% project construction waste from landfill	Product is 100% recyclable. Product can be crushed along with concrete, does not have to be separated.
4.1 & 4.2	Recycled Content: 7.5% and 15% (post consumer + ½ post industrial)	7.5% to 15% recycled content as a project average (by weight) of all div.2-10 project materials.	Product contains 2% post-industrial recycled content.
8.0	Durable Building	Develop and implement a Durable Building Plan. This includes choosing durable materials and components which reduce the need for new materials and the environmental costs of resource extraction, production processes and waste disposal.	Product facilitates durable building because it does not oxidize or cause concrete to crack. Testing shows that the product maintains structural integrity for over 100 years extending the life of concrete and thus saving resources. *Testing available from manufacturer upon request.

Regional Materials Note - 100% of the product is manufactured in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. However, the product does not meet the second requirement of the credit which is to have 80% of the components extracted within 800km of the manufacturing plant. This product will still contribute to the local economy however which is highly valuable regardless of the LEED® requirements.

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Innovation & Design Process

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Credit 1 through 1.4 (LEED 2009 allows 5 pts)	Innovation in Design	To provide design teams and projects the opportunity to achieve exceptional performance above the requirements set by the LEED Green Building Rating System and/or innovative performance in Green Building categories not specifically addressed by the LEED Green Building Rating System.	TUF-BAR™ has many innovative properties and applications. Please refer to list below for innovative ideas to include on your next LEED® project.
Innovation 1	GHG Reduction – During Transport	Compared to conventional rebar, less GHG's are emitted during transport of TUF-BAR™ because it is lightweight (4x lighter than conventional re-bar) and easily transported in high volumes. If a project team were to specify a significant % of products used on a project based on GHG's emitted during transport, this product would meet the requirements of the innovation.	
Innovation 2	Conserving Resources	TUF-BAR™ does not corrode or oxidize in water applications and therefore the building code requires approximately half the concrete cover of conventional re-bar depending on the application. If a project team were to specify a significant % of materials and finishes based on using the least amount of material and or finishes, this product would meet the requirements of the innovation in certain applications.	
Innovation 3	Reducing Toxins in potable water	TUF-BAR™ does not leach toxins or corrode when installed in a water application. If a project team were to specify a significant % of their potable water piping and storage tanks based on having low or NO toxins released into potable water, this product would meet the requirements of the innovation.	

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