Third Party Inspection Guidelines
Exterior Insulation Finish Systems (EIFS)

The Wall Systems business of BASF Corporation (herein referred to as “BASF Wall Systems”) offers numerous EIFS products and systems backed by warranties with terms and durations that vary depending upon the selected product or system.

On occasion, inspections during the EIFS installation may also be undertaken or desired as a result of special or third party inspection requirements, codes, project specifications or a request by the building owner, contractor, etc. In such instances, the owner or member of the construction team should select and secure the services of an independent inspector and/or inspection agency.

Below are considerations intended to provide the owner, construction team and inspectors information related to EIFS inspections. These are not intended to supersede or preclude agreements between the owner/ construction team and the independent inspector and/or inspection agency.

Inspectors/Inspection Agencies

- Inspectors should be knowledgeable about all aspects of EIFS and the construction industry particularly as it relates to exterior building envelopes, construction documents, building codes, etc.

- Inspectors should attend an EIFS inspection training course and secure applicable accreditation through organizations such as the Association of Wall and Ceiling Industries (www.awci.org) or Exterior Design Institute (https://exterior-design-inst.com).

Inspections

- Prior to the start of the program an inspection plan should be developed that specifies the inspection scope including inspection methodology, frequency and duration. The plan should identify whether non EIFS components inspections are in scope as well as the areas/ items to be inspected.

- A report on each inspection should be issued that includes the required method to address any non-conformances observed.

Product and system specific information such as specifications, details, bulletins, and warranty schedules can be obtained through our Technical Service department or at our website, www.wallsystems.basf.com.

Additional industry information related to EIFS is available through various third party sources such as EIMA (www.eima.com), ASTM (www.astm.org) or local lath and plaster associations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact BASF Technical Support at 1(800)589-1336.

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