



Angelus Block Co., Inc.

## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Contact: John Surratt LEED AP BD+C  
Architectural Sales Manager  
**Angelus Block Co., Inc.**  
(714) 637-8594  
[jsurratt@angelusblock.com](mailto:jsurratt@angelusblock.com)

### **Angelus Block Receives ICC-ES SAVE: Verification of Attributes Report™ for Postconsumer Recycled Content**

Sun Valley, CA – April 28, 2011 – Angelus Block Co., Inc. has received independent verification of a minimum 25% postconsumer recycled content in its concrete masonry units. ICC Evaluation Service has released a Verification of Attributes Report™ (VAR-1018) issued under its Sustainable Attributes Verification and Evaluation™ (SAVE™) Program, which provides a comprehensive evaluation of the sustainable attributes of building products. Postconsumer content offers the most value to projects seeking to satisfy green building strategies.

The VAR for Angelus Block encompasses production plants in four counties and regions: Ventura (Oxnard, California), Los Angeles (Gardena, California), Orange (Orange, California), and San Bernardino/Riverside (Fontana, California).

"Angelus Block can uniquely offer proximity to the entire Southern California region," said John Surratt, Angelus Block Architectural Sales Manager. "Though LEED Rating Systems establish a 500-mile radius for their Regional Materials credits, the practical reality is that many masonry contractors either haul their own materials, or often require quick access to 'parts-and-pieces' as needed to keep things moving. Projects are better served, and real environmental impact is reduced, when product sources are 20 to 30 miles away rather than 120 or more miles from the project site. It's an economic and environmental win-win."

Applicability is noted in VAR-1018 to seven rating systems, codes, and standards, including four of the LEED Rating Systems – LEED 2009 for New Construction, LEED 2009 for Schools, LEED 2009 for Core and Shell, and LEED for Homes 2008. Compliance with the recently updated and mandated 2010 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) is included in the VAR, as well as the National Green Building Standard (ICC 700-2008), and ANSI/GBI 01-2010 – Green Building Assessment Protocol for Commercial Buildings.

"Though products in and of themselves cannot earn rating system points," Surratt explained, "high recycled content products such as that evaluated in this VAR, especially when combined with the high cement-replacement potential of masonry grout, provide a very substantial contribution to a project's green goals. Having a resource such as this VAR gives the project team confidence in specifying high RC cmu from a widely respected source without concern of any kind of distance handicap. It is a very powerful asset in the green designer's palette."

For more information about the ICC-ES SAVE Program, visit [www.icc-es.org/save](http://www.icc-es.org/save).

For more information about Angelus Block and its products, visit [www.angelusblock.com](http://www.angelusblock.com). A copy of VAR-1018 is available from either site.

Contact: John Surratt, Architectural Sales Manager, Angelus Block Co., Inc.  
(714) 637-8594  
[jsurratt@angelusblock.com](mailto:jsurratt@angelusblock.com)

#### **About Angelus Block Co., Inc.**

Angelus Block has been manufacturing concrete masonry products in Southern California since 1946, and is currently the largest-capacity producer of concrete masonry units and pavers. Eight plant locations throughout the region gives Angelus the most such facilities in California that supply product for every market sector – military, retail centers, housing, education, CalTrans, and outlets for the homeowner/DIY market.

###