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COLBOND ROLLS OUT ANOTHER GREEN ROOF PRODUCT

Enka, North Carolina (March 2007) EnkaRetain & Drain™ is a new product developed by Colbond Inc. that combines a super absorbent, nonwoven filter fabric bonded to a three-dimensional Enkadrain 3000R series drainage core for use primarily in green roof and planter applications. This unique building product contributes to the US Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification points.

The Enkadrain drainage core is made of environmentally friendly, post-industrial, recycled polypropylene molded into a square, waffle pattern which allows water to flow from all directions. Bonded to one surface and replacing traditional filter fabric, is a water retention fabric that holds 10 times its weight in water.

Its function is to absorb and retain water so plant roots will have a continuous source of moisture while allowing excess water to filter through and drain.

In addition to helping the plants stay healthy and reducing watering / maintenance costs, there are other benefits to using this one-step composite. Both products are inertly compatible, available from a single source, and will require less labor to install than single subsurface drainage and water retention components.

“Several major waterproofing membrane manufacturers have expressed great interest in this new product, said Allan Wingfield, AIA, Colbond Building Products Architect. Colbond has been active in the green roof market for many years in Europe and is established as a manufacturer that has products with proven and predictable performance. As sustainable building becomes more prevalent in North America, our experience in this emerging market will benefit our customers. Already, our green roof products have been used on many high-profile living roof projects in North America.”

Colbond manufactures other products used in multi-layer green roof configurations– Enkaroo VM for root reinforcement and pre-growing plants offsite, Enkammat for root reinforcement in high wind conditions and sloped roof applications, and Enkadrain 3000R subsurface drainage composites for predictable and proven water management.

Colbond is a leading producer of high-quality synthetic nonwovens for flooring, automotive, and construction applications and three-dimensional polymeric mats and composites for civil engineering, building and industrial applications. Visit www.colbond-usa.com for more information about these and other products manufactured and marketed by Colbond Inc.

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