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US Green Buildings Council upgrades Bentley's Manufacturing Facility LEED®-EB Certification to Gold

Remains the Only Carpet Mill to Receive LEED® Certification

Los Angeles, June 10, 2013 – Bentley, a leading commercial carpet manufacturer, recently achieved gold certification for its facility from the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System™ for Existing Buildings (LEED-EB.) In 2007, Bentley was the first carpet manufacturing facility in the country to receive a silver rating from the USGBC's LEED-EB, and remains the only carpet manufacturing facility to receive LEED certification.

According to company officials, achieving the gold certification was a goal shared by all associates who actively took part in continuous sustainability education, energy conservation, waste reduction, community service and alternative transportation.

"I am extremely proud of our associates, whose commitment and passion led to this accomplishment," said Ralph Grogan, president and CEO of Bentley. "Earning LEED status is a monumental task in any industry, and receiving Gold for our manufacturing facility, which is more than 45 years old, demonstrates that it can be done. We hope that more manufacturers will join in our commitment to environmental responsibility."

The LEED Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. Maximizing operational efficiency while minimizing environmental impacts, the LEED-EB certification considers water efficiency, energy efficiency, whole-building cleaning and maintenance, indoor air quality, recycling programs and facilities, exterior maintenance programs and system upgrades to meet green building energy, water, IAQ and lighting performance standards.

"Our facility was built in 1967 and it required a great deal of dedication and investment to transform its operations toward more sustainable practices," said Holly DeBrodtt, Bentley's director of sustainability. "We know that you can't make a green product in a brown plant, therefore our commitment to environmental manufacturing processes is of utmost



importance to our overall sustainability path. LEED certification demonstrates this commitment and I am exceedingly proud of our team for achieving this goal.”

About Bentley

Bentley was established in Los Angeles in 1979 as a privately owned boutique carpet manufacturer. Interior designers and architects quickly embraced Bentley’s ability to design and produce sophisticated and stylish carpet designs that had not previously been available for the contract market. In 2002, Bentley was renamed Bentley Prince Street while under the ownership of Interface, Inc., in an effort to streamline the corporation’s production of its broadloom products. Prince Street’s capital assets were eventually sold, and the company has operated in Bentley’s original production facility in Los Angeles. Dominus Capital purchased the company in mid-2012, and the company re-branded as Bentley earlier this year. For more information, please visit <http://www.bentleymills.com>.