

Ruling of the Minister
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BUILDING CODE ACT, 1992

RULING OF THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

No. 04-12-116 (12966-R)

Dated June 15, 2004

Pursuant to Section 29(1)(a) of the *Building Code Act, 1992*, the Director of the Building and Development Branch, as delegate of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the "Minister"), hereby approves the use of **ECO-Block™**, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. MANUFACTURER/AGENT

ECO-Block™, LLC
84 Ontario Street
Port Hope, Ontario
L1A 2T8

Tel: (905) 377-0010
Fax: (905) 885-1555

2. MANUFACTURING FACILITIES

POLYMOS Inc.
150, 5^e boulevard
Terrasse-Vaudreuil, Quebec

3. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

- (a) The use of **ECO-Block™** is approved in respect of the requirements as a wall forming system resulting in a monolithic concrete wall in Article 4.3.3.1., Subsection 9.3.1., and Section 9.4. of the 1997 Ontario Building Code, Ontario Regulation 403/97 (the "Ontario Building Code") as amended or remade from time to time;
- (b) **ECO-Block™** shall comply with the *Building Code Act, 1992*; and except as specifically provided otherwise in this ruling, with the Ontario Building Code;
- (c) Except that Sentences 9.20.5.2.(3) and 9.20.5.2.(4) of the Ontario Building Code cannot be used with this product; the use of the **ECO-Block™** must be in accordance with Canadian Construction Materials Centre (the "CCMC") Evaluation Report No. CCMC 12966-R (the "Evaluation Report") issued on March 29, 2000, and revised on October 01, 2002; and that the references in that report to the National Building Code of Canada, 1995 listed in column 1 below, shall be deemed references to the Ontario Building Code listed in column 2 below, as described in the following table;

National Building Code References	Ontario Building Code References
4.3.3.1. 9.3.1. 9.4. 9.13.1.1. 9.13.1.2. 9.10.16.10.(1) 9.27. 9.28. 9.20	4.3.3.1. 9.3.1. 9.4. 9.13.1.1, 9.13.1.2. 9.10.16.10.(1) 9.27. 9.28. 9.20, except that the following Sentences can not be used with this product: 9.20.5.2.(3) and 9.20.5.2.(4).
column 1	column 2

- (d) A copy of this Ruling shall be attached to the application for a building permit; and;
- (e) This Ruling is valid only for manufactured at the facilities outlined in Section 2. (Manufacturing Facilities) of this Ruling.

4. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Minister or his/her delegate may amend or revoke this Ruling if:

- (a) the Evaluation Report is amended by the CCMC;
- (b) the Evaluation Report expires in accordance with the CCMC's General Conditions for Evaluation Reports;
- (c) the Evaluation Report is rendered void in accordance with the CCMC's General Conditions for Evaluation Reports by reason of alterations to the product or relocation of manufacturing facilities, described in the Evaluation Report, without prior agreement by the CCMC;
- (d) the Evaluation Report is withdrawn by the CCMC in accordance with the CCMC's General Conditions for Evaluation Reports where, in the opinion of the CCMC:
 - (i) the level of performance, in-situ, of the product described in the Evaluation Report is unsatisfactory;

- (ii) the proponent of such product fails to fulfil its obligations as set out in the CCMC's General Conditions for Evaluation Reports; or
 - (iii) such product may pose any danger to the health or safety of the user of such product;
- (e) the Minister or his/her delegate determines that the use of the material, system or building design authorized by this Ruling:
 - (i) will not comply with the *Building Code Act, 1992* or any relevant law as they may be amended or reenacted from time to time; or
 - (ii) provides an unsatisfactory level of performance, in situ; or
- (f) any Ontario Building Code provision relevant to this Ruling is amended or remade.

DATED AT TORONTO THIS 15TH DAY OF JUNE 2004.

ALI ARLANI, DIRECTOR BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH