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CIPH along with Allied Associations Encourages Life-Cycle Costing as Minimum Basis for the New National Building Code

CIPH along with the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI), Electro-Federation Canada (EFC), North American Insulation Manufacturers' Association (NAIMA) Canada, Homeowner Protection Centre, and Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance (CEEA) have requested the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes (CCBFC) include *Life-Cycle-Costing* as the basis for establishing the minimum energy efficiency requirements for the new code. This will in turn result in lower GHG emissions and significant reductions in energy demands.

Energy and water efficiency in residential homes and buildings is an issue that affects us all – both personally and as a society. Our organizations combined represent virtually all of the products incorporated into the structure of the building. From systems automation, heating and cooling, electrical components, and all aspects of plumbing – our members' products can have a significant impact on the ongoing operational costs of a building by providing the most efficient energy and water management technology available. Saving valuable resources and freeing capital will help our economy grow.

With this understanding we believe that we have an obligation to provide a perspective in the current and ongoing development of a National Building Code which includes energy efficiency. We believe it is essential that the CCBFC take a leadership position on this matter. With provincial and territorial governments having jurisdiction for the final code used – the code must assure them that it has the ability to achieve the objectives each has established. The code is not the basis for a “minimal approach” – but is the foundation of a strategic policy.

An important outcome of this approach will be a greater likelihood of adoption of the National Building Code – across Canada. This can have a very positive outcome as it will provide our members with the ability to deliver products in a more cost-effective manner – to the benefit of all Canadians.

As our economy continues to recover from these difficult times we hope you will support energy efficiency with the same vigor as our neighbours to the south.

The Canadian Institute of Plumbing & Heating is a not-for-profit trade association. Founded in 1933, the Institute is a vibrant organization committed to providing members with the tools for success in today's competitive environment. More than 250 companies are members of this influential Canadian industry association. They are the manufacturers, wholesaler distributors, master distributors, manufacturers' agents and allied companies who manufacture and distribute plumbing, hydronic heating, industrial, waterworks and other mechanical products. CIPH wholesalers operate more than 700 warehouses and showrooms across Canada. Total industry sales exceed \$5 billion annually.



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