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July 12, 2004

**TO: FIRE TAPE DEALERS AND USERS:**

**SUBJECT: NEW YORK CITY**

Contractors doing work in New York City have asked us if we have certification for using the fire Tape in New York City. We checked with the New York City Materials and Equipment Acceptance Division to see if we needed any additional permits, etc. As you can see from the reply, which is attached, no other approvals are needed for the Fire Tape.

ICC-Evaluation Service, Inc. continues to rate the Tape for one hour. ESR-1231 complies with the International Building Codes (IBC and IRC) and Uniform Building Codes (UBC) which have been adopted in all States. E-Z FIRE TAPE is used for one hour fire rated vertically or horizontally hung wall systems, on both wood and steel stud construction with fire rated gypsum board in Canada and the US market.

The FIRE TAPE continues to be rated for use with two-hour fire rated wall systems, constructed with fire rated gypsum board for use in the US and Canadian Market by Intertek Testing Services (formerly Warnock Hersey). This use is only for vertically hung wall systems, on both wood and steel stud construction.



We continue to recommend that all dealers and users do the SELF-TEST before selling or using the TAPE to see how easy it is to use and see how effective it is:

1. Cut three 12-18 inch strips of FIRE TAPE from a sample roll.
2. Attach them gently to a clean piece of drywall.
3. Rub the first hard with your enclosed fist or the palm of your hand.
4. Rub the second hard with a 2 or 3 inch steel knife used by drywall contractors.
5. Rub the third hard with our plastic knife applicator.
6. Wait 10 minutes and then remove the tape from the drywall.

Note how the FIRE TAPE peels the paper from the drywall! The rubbing creates friction, which creates heat, which causes the adhesive to active and therefore bond to the wallboard paper. You will get the best bonding when you use our 3" plastic knife applicator. If there is no fiber from the drywall paper stuck to the TAPE, you do not have good bonding. Once you get bonding as seen from the self-test, the TAPE will not come off the drywall.

Our on going store support program includes brochures and samples to hand out to your customers. Call us today at 800-721-8273 if you need more of these.

Thanks for your help with the sales and marketing of E-Z TAPING products.  
Sincerely,

E-Z TAPING SYSTEMS, INC.



**TAPING SYSTEM<sup>®</sup>  
FIRE TAPE**

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June 24, 2004

Mr. Donald Gotfield, Director  
MEA Division  
City of New York  
280 Broadway, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York City, NY 10007

Dear Donald:

We manufacture and market a **MUDLESS SELF-ADHESIVE FIRE TAPE** that has passed the full-scale fire tests for one-hour fire rated wall systems constructed with fire rated gypsum board. **E-Z FIRE TAPE** was tested by Intertek Testing Services (formerly Warnock Hersey), and is now rated by ICC-EVALUATION SERVICES. Intertek Testing Services has also rated the **E-Z FIRE TAPE** for a two-hour wall system. This product has been on the market for over seven years.

A technical manual for the **E-Z FIRE TAPE** and samples of the tape are enclosed. Contractors are anxious to use this product in New York City, but they tell us we need to have it approved. Please advise what approvals we need and send us the appropriate forms to fill out in order to meet your requirements. Thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Swartz,

An MEA approval is not required for this E-Z FIRE TAPE.

Gary Swartz  
President

Donald Gottfried, P.E.  
Director  
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