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Qualicoat gets specified

Australia's only independent licensing authority for the powder coating industry, Qualicoat, has embarked on a national education campaign to ensure architects, building designers, fabricators and urban planners know how to correctly specify powder coated aluminium.

Extensive collaboration between the Qualicoat committee, Azuma Design and the Australasian Institute of Surface Finishing has resulted in a definitive specification that will be presented to architects a variety of ways.

Qualicoat approval should be stipulated within all architectural specifications, so that the builder, designer and owner can be assured the powder coatings won't fail. The Qualicoat licensing and audit system to Australian Standard AS3715 is the first of its kind in Australia, so it's important the industry is aware of its ramifications.

Bill Wyllie, President of Qualicoat Australia, comments, "Once Qualicoat is incorporated into specifications, the developers, builders and fabricators will seek coaters and powders with Qualicoat approval when sourcing aluminium building materials for new projects.

"This is a monumental step forward for the Australian powder coating industry. Prior to the Qualicoat's introduction, there were no qualifications or requirements to become a powder coater. Through Qualicoat, a range of minimum audited requirements will establish and maintain high coating standards."

Qualicoat Specification Guidelines have been mailed to 4,500 licensed architects nationally. The document explains the Qualicoat system and the benefits of Qualicoat specification, and provides the wording of the specification. This document is available to download from the Qualicoat website, www.qualicoat.org.au.

Dulux, Interpon and other manufacturer and applicator members of Qualicoat will feature or mention the specification on their websites.

Architect and building authorities will be informed about the revised specifications. Qualicoat will feature in a schedule of informative presentations made to members of the Australian Institute of Architects.

The new powder coated aluminium specification is available in PDF format on the Qualicoat website, www.qualicoat.org.au/specification.htm.

About Qualicoat

The International Qualicoat system has been operating for over 20 years and has been adopted in 39 countries. It is administered in Australia by the AISF. It essentially verifies the entire powder coating process, from the powder to its application, and is Australia's only independent licensing and audit system ensuring compliance to AS3715. Any compliant applicator can achieve a Qualicoat licence.

It is estimated that Qualicoat now represents over two thirds of the powder application on aluminium in Australia.

For more information please visit www.qualicoat.org.au.

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