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## **HACKER INDUSTRIES, INC. RELEASES A NEW POURED FLOOR UNDERLAYMENT FOR LIGHT-GAUGE STEEL FRAME CONSTRUCTION**

**NEWPORT BEACH, CA-January 16, 2008** -With the increased cost of land and the resulting need for higher density projects, Hacker Industries, Inc. unveils a new gypsum concrete floor underlayment formulated for use in buildings with light-gauge steel framing and a corrugated steel deck. FIRM-FILL® CSD™ features the same outstanding qualities of all of Hacker Industries, Inc. cementitious floor underlayments, which assist builders and developers in constructing safe and durable projects while substantially reducing costs.

“There are numerous advantages to incorporating FIRM-FILL® CSD™ into multi-family, commercial and institutional buildings with light-gauge steel frame construction,” said Kerry Hacker, vice president of Hacker Industries, Inc. “Steel frame construction with FIRM-FILL® CSD™ allows the benefits of poured gypsum concrete underlayments to be enjoyed by an entirely new type of construction.”

Blending high strength and versatility, FIRM-FILL® CSD™ offers a minimum compressive strength of 3500 psi and is installed thinner than typical poured-in-place concrete. Installed at 1” above the top of the steel deck flutes (average nominal thickness is 1-9/16”). FIRM-FILL® CSD™ is significantly lighter thereby reducing deadloads and the related steel framing costs.

The remarkable strength and speed of installation of FIRM-FILL® CSD™ provides steel framing projects the flexibility to add floors quickly. The underlayment technology provides a significant scheduling advantage since it dries in approximately 10 days. Under standard drying conditions, FIRM-FILL® CSD™ sets in two hours and tolerates light trade traffic the following day. In addition, FIRM-FILL® CSD™ is UL-rated providing 1, 1-1/2 and 2 hour fire ratings as listed in UL G565.

FIRM-FILL® CSD™ is installed on site exclusively by Hacker Industries, Inc.’s trained, Licensed Applicators to ensure product consistency and quality. Hacker Sound Mat II can be added to the system to provide additional sound control and to meet building codes.

Celebrating 25 years of excellence, Hacker Industries, Inc. continues to supply the building industry with sound rated, fire resistant and durable cementitious floor underlayments and sound abatement products. With nearly two billion square feet installed nationwide, Hacker Industries, Inc., is the industry leader in customer satisfaction and reliability.

FIRM-FILL® CSD™ will make its market debut at the 2008 World of Concrete Show in Las Vegas, NV. Stop by Hacker Industries, Inc.’s booth (#12605) for more details.

For more information about Hacker Industries, Inc. or the name of a Licensed Applicator in your area, visit the company’s Underlayment Specialists at IBS in Booth C6283. Additionally you may call (800) 642-3455, visit [www.hackerindustries.com](http://www.hackerindustries.com) or email [info@hackerindustries.com](mailto:info@hackerindustries.com).