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**SSMA TO LAUNCH CODE COMPLIANCE
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

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Glen Ellyn, IL – Steel Stud Manufacturers Association members voted to implement a SSMA- sponsored Code Compliance Certification Program. Supported by third-party inspection, the program will assure the marketplace of access to structural steel studs and track that comply with national and local building codes.

SSMA’s action signifies a strong initiative to assure code compliant structural metal framing products for users,” said SSMA Chairman Larry Stone. “Once fully implemented, the SSMA certification program will be the most comprehensive of its kind. Customers that buy certified products from SSMA members can gain confidence that the material received is part of SSMA’s third-party certification program and conforms to the most current version of the building code – the 2006 version of IBC.”

Approval of the program marked the culmination of extensive research and development by the SSMA Board of Directors and its Technical Committee. A certification consultant was brought in to assist in the development.

The SSMA program, as implemented, addresses heavier structural framing. Plans are underway to expand the program to incorporate non-structural framing products.

As of July 1, 2009, SSMA member plants will have undergone third party inspection conducted during a six-month program rollout. This step will reassure the marketplace that all SSMA structural framing products continue to meet or exceed SSMA specifications.

Concurrent with the implementation of testing and inspection, SSMA will launch a communication plan to promote and strengthen the SSMA membership brand and to educate owners, architects, builders and code officials on the on key properties and product markings that confirm code compliance.

The Steel Stud Manufacturers Association is the Chicago-based national trade association representing leading manufacturers of steel studs, track and joists. Its twenty-three roll forming member companies support the development and maintenance of quality product standards and specifications for the cold formed steel manufacturing industry.

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