



# Structural Building Components Association

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## Via Email

August 10, 2010

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Dear Tom:

Thank you very much for your August 6<sup>th</sup> letter and your affirmation of our desire to work with anyone that desires to work with us in a well thought through and proactive manner.

Please note that the SPIB Board of Governors did not use any SBCA data to reach its decision to publish the July 28, 2010 notice. We have not had any discussions with SPIB, either prior to or after its decision to publish the July 28<sup>th</sup> notice. Given this, we do not know what data was provided nor why SPIB took the actions that they did at their Board of Governors meeting on Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Again, we simply know this had nothing to do with any testing that we have undertaken or knowledge that we have acquired through any of our lumber or truss roof, floor and wall systems testing and analysis.

We'd be happy to provide a review of the facts, information, and documentation that we have available to us under the following conditions:

1. The review meeting is with one representative of ALSC who can then provide a corresponding report to the ALSC Subcommittee addressing this issue.
2. The meeting will take place at a mutually convenient time at our SBCRI facility with various SBCA representatives in attendance, including myself.
3. At the meeting we will provide a verbal and computer based overview of our findings and concepts created from those findings, so that there is nothing taken out of context and any and all questions can be addressed at the time they are raised.
4. Any information that will be shared will be mutually agreed upon in writing by the ALSC representative and SBCA with the caveat that we are working, in some cases, with confidential/proprietary test data, where approvals will need to be obtained prior to sharing with ALSC.
5. Since none of the work that we have done here has been done without cost, we will ask ALSC to reimburse SBCA for its time and any expenses for any data and analysis that will be reported back to the ALSC Subcommittee. We can of course provide you with an estimate of our time and expenses.



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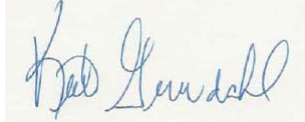
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We completely concur with you that it is essential to address the issues that have been raised by SPIB through the ALSC in a thorough, professional and prompt manner.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirk Grundahl", is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

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