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**Subject: Acceptance Criteria for Power-driven Pins for Attaching Gypsum Board to Cold Board Steel Framing, Subject AC259-0210-R1 (PB/PC)**

Dear Mr. Peter Bahlo,

The following letter is to confirm our phone conversation regarding the subject criteria. From our discussion, it is clear to us that the change of criteria name does not affect its objective, however, some of the changes made to the scope, and referenced standards do.

1. **Modifications to the scope:** by eliminating the restriction to exterior assemblies, it is assumed that the power-drive pins are now used on interior installations. We would suggest that this is reinstated to the scope of the criteria.
2. **Referenced standards:** making reference to ASTM C79 a gypsum sheathing standard, reinforces our statement on item 1.

As a point of order, we would like to highlight that ASTM C79 has been withdrawn and superseded by ASTM C1396. We would suggest that the criteria should reflect active standards.

In addition to the stated above, there are a variety of gypsum-based panels used as sheathings, and in conjunction with these power-driven pins. We would suggest that the criteria includes these standards allowing the applicant to submit test data on any given gypsum-based sheathing, and these standards are: ASTM C1278, C1177.

Feel free to contact me with any comment you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Estrada'.

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