

BREEM accepts eco-INSTITUT-Label

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Since January 1, 2016, eco-INSTITUT-Label is accepted by international building rating system BREEAM as third party compliance scheme for proof of VOC emissions from construction products. Since then it is listed in the guidance note "GN22 BREEAM Recognised Schemes for VOC Emissions from Buildings Products".

"We are happy about this further recognition in the context of an international building classification programme", so Dr. Frank Kuebart, manager of Cologne-based eco-INSTITUT, "via this our customers whose products are eco-INSTITUT-Labelled can more easily cooperate with building contractors on building projects worldwide and thus position themselves more strongly on the market.

The BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) building classification programme is one of the most renowned programmes worldwide in the context of building sustainability, it was developed in Great Britain in 1990 and now is used in more than 70 countries. Only since September 2015 BREEAM has extended its programme in so far as it now also accepts European standards and labels as third party compliance programmes.

For over 25 years eco-INSTITUT has been pioneering emissions and pollutant testing of construction and furnishing products. As independent and accredited testing body it operates more than 85 emission test chambers in sizes up to 5 cubic metres and evaluates products according to national and international requirements and criteria. Since 2007, eco-INSTITUT-Label has been a recognized and referenced certification and quality mark for low-pollutant and low-emission products, for example in the context the US building classification programme LEED v4.

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