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ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANY GETS THE JUMP ON PENDING INDUSTRY STANDARDS

Commercial Property Purchasers Turn To ENPRO Environmental To Provide New Service For Mold Liability Protection And Insurance

KAILUA, HI – September 3, 2004 – Commercial property buyers and sellers seeking liability protection and mold insurance are turning to ENPRO Environmental to perform a new service known as a Limited Survey for Moisture and Visible Microbial Growth in Commercial Buildings (LSM). ENPRO Environmental (www.enproenvironmental.com), a nationally operating consulting firm based in Hawaii, believes they are the only local company offering the LSM, which is based upon a standard still being drafted by ASTM International. The ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) is the largest voluntary standards development organizations in the world and is a well-respected source for technical standards regarding materials, products, systems and services for a diverse range of industries.

“Because we are a part of the ASTM technical committees that actually create environmental standards, we have the advantage of providing our clients with services that reflect leading-edge developments,” said Ken Beal, executive vice president of ENPRO Environmental. Randy Herold, ENPRO Environmental’s president, is a member of the Task Group on Mold assigned to the development of ASTM’s LSM standard, which is expected to be published within the next year.

According to Beal, the LSM is catching the attention of commercial property owners, buyers and sellers for several reasons. First, the LSM is much more cost-effective and responsive when compared to lengthier, more detailed assessments for mold and moisture. It is also more accurate and focused than larger property assessments not geared specifically for mold and moisture. But most importantly, said Beal, it can be used for both liability protection and as a baseline for acquiring mold insurance. This last factor has kept ENPRO Environmental quite busy, as the real estate boom has parties involved in property transactions looking to cover all their bases, especially with regard to potential mold problems.

“The mold liability cases that have been in the news recently say it all,” said Beal. “Anyone involved in a property transaction is at risk for liability. ENPRO Environmental now has a service that is fast, affordable, and fulfills the need for due diligence. Today’s litigious society has really caused the commercial property industry to be a lot more proactive in assessing and preventing risk. The LSM fits the bill for sufficiently

addressing mold and moisture.” As for mold insurance, “it’s still expensive and hard to obtain,” Beal confirmed, “but an LSM is an essential step in fulfilling the requirements for obtaining property insurance that includes mold coverage.”

While other environmental firms may provide property assessments that include an optional section on mold, “we are the only company providing the LSM, to the best of my knowledge,” said Beal. In fact, ENPRO has taken this standard-in-the-making one step further, responding to feedback from their customers and enhancing the LSM concept with three features: sampling of suspect areas, a remediation protocol for fixing any identified problems, and remediation management.

Once the LSM standard becomes finalized by ASTM International, Beal explained, other environmental companies will become aware of it, understand its requirements and start offering the service. ENPRO’s LSM service, however, will still contain the enhanced features not currently in the draft version of the standard.

“We’ve been in this industry for a long time and are proud to contribute to standards development,” said Beal. Beal and his partner, Herold, have over 50 years of combined environmental industry experience. The ENPRO Environmental professional staff has specialized IAQ certifications and experience with thousands of successfully completed projects.

About ENPRO Environmental

ENPRO Environmental is a nationally operating consulting firm that offers a complete range of environmental investigation, consulting and training services. In addition to complete Phase I and Phase II assessments, ENPRO Environmental offers specialized indoor air quality services that focus on preventive and responsive programs for maintaining healthy indoor environments. ENPRO’s complete line of services include evaluating and assessing residential, public and commercial environments, mold and moisture prevention planning and design, strategies and protocol for corrective action, remediation management and post remediation evaluation.

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