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Orefield Home Achieves Gold Level National Green Building Certification

September 3, 2008, Orefield, PA – The new Orefield home built by *studio26 homes*, has received a Gold level certification under the NAHB Research Center’s National Green Building Certification. This certification means the home has met established criteria in seven key green construction areas – Site Planning/Development, Resource Efficiency, Energy Efficiency, Water Efficiency, Indoor Environmental Quality, Homeowner Education, and Global Impact.

“Anyone can say they build green homes,” according to Michael Luzier, president and CEO of the NAHB Research Center. “Seeking and achieving National Green Building Certification, as *studio26 homes* has done, proves that claim.”

The certification service is part of the National Association of Home Builders’ (NAHB) National Green Building Program (NAHB Green). Through NAHB Green, the association is helping its members and the home building industry at large move the practice of green building into the mainstream. The NAHB Research Center, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NAHB, is the sole certifying body for the national program.

The *studio26 homes* residence was measured against the best existing national definition of green and sustainable home construction. As a result, this home was honored as the *nineteenth* NAHB Green Certified Home and *one of the first* NAHB Green Certified Gold homes in the country. It was also awarded the *first* NAHB Green Certified Gold Home certificate in eastern Pennsylvania with a grand total of 542 points, surpassing the minimum 395 points required for Gold certification by an astounding 147 points. Having performed very well in all seven categories, the home received its highest marks in perhaps the most prominent and most tangible category, Energy Efficiency. The home also achieved significant scores in the Resource Efficiency and Indoor Environmental Quality categories demonstrating *studio26 homes’* charge to conserve valued resources and to deliver healthy homes to their clients.

The design, construction, and operation of nationally-certified green homes must adhere to high standards of environmental considerations in addition to resource and energy efficiencies. National Green Building Certification requires homeowner education and guidance on how to maintain high-performing homes at optimal levels. It also provides homeowners with the potential for lower energy bills, reduced maintenance, and increased indoor comfort, as well as “bragging rights” because their homes will have the option of being listed on a national green home registry for the world to see.

There are currently three green home certification levels available under the national program – Bronze, Silver, and Gold. All homes are inspected by an NAHB Research Center-accredited verifier to confirm the points claimed by the builder. Homes achieving National Green Building Certification provide a greater level of credibility for participating builders. They also enhance homebuyer and community confidence that a home is truly green, based on an established industry standard and third-party verification. For more information on National Green Building Certification, visit www.nahbgreen.org.

For more information on *studio26 homes*, visit www.studio26homes.com.

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Certified Green Home

This is to signify that the new home at

Address Withheld
Orefield, PA 18069

built by

studio26 homes

Orefield, PA

is CERTIFIED as a

Gold Level Green Home



The NAHB Research Center certifies that this house, as originally built, is in substantial conformance with the NAHB Model Green Home Building Guidelines.

Certificate # 0019

September 3, 2008

Issuance Date

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Luzier".

Michael Luzier
NAHB Research Center President

