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Gecko Steel Truss - TPI PLANT #S-018

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised, Gecko Steel Truss (GST) located in Yuma, Arizona is an active participant in good standing with the Truss Plate Institute's Quality Assurance Inspection Program. The TPI program is recognized by the International Code Council in accordance with International Accreditation Service Report AA-648 Type A (<http://www.iasonline.org/PDF/AA/aa648.pdf>); it serves as a means for truss manufacturers to comply with IBC Section 1704.2. Based on random, unannounced inspections and/or audits of in-house QC records conducted by TPI staff, GST's truss design and manufacturing quality are in accordance with AISI/COFS/Truss 2001 and AISI/COFS/GP 2001 referenced in ICC's "International Building Code 2003 & 2006".

GST is authorized to voluntarily affix TPI's Quality Assurance Mark (*TPI Plant S-018*) provided it maintains continued satisfactory conformance with the above requisites. The mark is the property of Truss Plate Institute at all times. Its approved usage signifies that the truss manufacturer licensee is complying with the applicable provisions of the model building code. In the event of unsatisfactory performance (*cycle of non-conforming reports*), TPI quality marks may be removed from the premises of the TPI licensee, certification certificates suspended and decertification proceedings initiated.

Certification letters are good for 1-year from the date of their issuance and can be renewed and status checked on a more frequent basis as the need arises by any interested party, provided of course, GST per its contractual obligations with TPI continues with our unannounced inspection-audit of their finished trusses and in-house QC records.

If TPI can be of further assistance in familiarizing you with its voluntary Quality Assurance Inspection Program or the ongoing status of Gecko Steel Truss or any other of TPI's Quality Assurance Licensees Wood Truss Plants (+430) and Steel Truss Plants (+15), please do not hesitate to contact us or see http://www.tpinst.org/my_QAP_listing.html for the truss listing and http://www.tpinst.org/STEEL-QAP/my_STEEL_listing.html for the steel truss listing of approved truss manufacturers participating in our quality auditing program.

Sincerely,

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Director of Inspection Services

"TPI MISSION STATEMENT - Established in 1960 to maintain the truss industry on a sound engineering basis. To accomplish its purpose, the Truss Plate Institute establishes methods of design and construction for trusses in accordance with the American National Standards Institute's accredited consensus procedures for coordination and development of American National Standards."