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iLevel Offers First Pre-fabricated Shear Panel to Receive ICC-ES 2009 IBC/IRC Code Compliance Verification for Tall Walls and Two-Story Applications

FEDERAL WAY, Wash., May 20, 2010 – The iLevel® Shear Brace is the first pre-fabricated shear panel to receive ICC-ES 2009 IBC/IRC code compliance verification. As a result, architects and engineers can have increased confidence that their designs meet the latest building code requirements for a wide range of building designs – including homes, multi-family, and light commercial construction. Dated April 1, 2010, the newly updated ICC-ES Evaluation Report (ESR-2652) addresses the iLevel Shear Brace’s use in both prescriptive and engineered solutions for tall walls up to 20 feet high and two-story structures.

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“Developing code-compliant braced walls can be confusing, especially for structures with large open spaces, cathedral ceilings, tall entry foyers, or on the second floor,” says Daniel Cheney, P.E., Director of Codes and Product Acceptance for iLevel. “Red-tag delays are always a threat. This new verification for the iLevel Shear Brace responds to customer needs for a way to design and build braced walls efficiently and in a way code officials can be confident in.”

“iLevel has been proactive in working with ICC-ES to expand code-compliant braced wall solutions,” says Mark Johnson, ICC-ES President. “We thoroughly examined product information, test reports, calculations and other factors for these new applications of the iLevel Shear Brace. It’s part of the rigorous methods we use that provide building departments with confidence in our evaluation reports.”

Unlike steel prefabricated shear panels, the iLevel Shear Brace can be trimmed in the field, allowing builders to customize it to fit despite uneven foundations and varying wall heights. It can be nailed, and further simplifies work for the trades by providing pre-drilled chases and holes for wiring and lights.

iLevel Shear Brace is available in a range of heights from 7 to 20 feet, and widths of 12, 18 and 24 inches. The product provides a way to build stable braced walls in narrow wall segments with multiple window and door openings, including around garage doors. It offers ease of installation through mounting brackets that allow builders to adjust the panels front-to-back for ready alignment with bolts installed in a home's foundation. A new multi-story attachment kit that has fewer parts and fasteners helps speed installation in stacked-wall applications.

About iLevel by Weyerhaeuser

iLevel is Weyerhaeuser's integrated residential, multi-family and light construction framing business providing seamless, unified building solutions. By offering the most comprehensive and innovative collection of proven structural framing materials, technical support and software in the building industry, and the means to distribute them efficiently, iLevel is leading the structural frame market and helping builders and dealers succeed in today's challenging business environment. www.ilevel.com.

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