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PETITION TO THE ASHRAE MEMBERSHIP TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD PROJECT COMMITTEE FOR FACILITIES IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

Pursuant to section 4.3 of the ASHRAE Bylaws, the undersigned individuals (see attached signature pages), at least 300 of which are members in good standing of ASHRAE and not more than 150 of which are from the same ASHRAE chapter area, petition the ASHRAE Membership:

1. To establish a new Standard Project Committee for design of buildings in the Hospitality Industry (the "Hospitality Building SPC"), and
2. To direct that the Committee:
 - a. Develop ventilation standards intended to achieve acceptable indoor air quality;
 - b. Include members with technical and operational expertise and substantial experience designing, building and operating ventilation systems for diverse types of buildings within the Hospitality Industry;
 - c. Be led by a Chairperson who is an ASHRAE Member and who has technical and operational expertise and substantial experience designing, building and operating ventilation systems within the Hospitality Industry;
 - d. Be balanced, as required by ASHRAE rules and policy;
 - e. Be instructed to develop an agenda, subcommittees, and a proposed standard or standards as quickly as possible for committee consideration and public review and comment, consistent with the need to adopt scientifically and technically sound standards that can meet the procedural and substantive requirements of ASHRAE and the American National Standards Institute ("ANSI"); and
 - f. Identify the unique design challenges in the Hospitality Industry that impede achievement of acceptable indoor air quality through ventilation, and propose standards and guidance intended to resolve such design challenges, to the extent feasible.

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I endorse the above-stated petition.

Date _____ 2003

Signature

Print Name and ASHRAE Chapter



HOTEL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
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To ASHRAE Members:

The Hospitality Industry seeks your support for the attached Membership Petition. Because ASHRAE standards are crucial to the professional engineers that design, construct and operate ventilation systems for our facilities, it is very important to AGA and others in the Hospitality Industry that ASHRAE focus on the particular challenges the Hospitality Industry faces and produce standards to address them.

The Hospitality Industry

The Hospitality Industry is very diverse, but is united by the central business objective of attracting, entertaining and satisfying customers. We are petitioning ASHRAE to create a separate Standard Project Committee to develop ventilation standards specifically for the Hospitality Industry. Currently, standards for the Hospitality Industry come from ASHRAE 62-2001, which is under continuous maintenance.

ASHRAE's Standard 62-2001

The Standing Standard Project Committee (SSPC 62.1) is overwhelmed with its standard-development workload. There are so many variations of indoor spaces for which the Committee must create ventilation standards that it is difficult to reach consensus or to address all the issues of concern for affected industries. To cite one example, the Committee has been considering changes to the ventilation standard for smoking spaces for almost a decade, but has been unable to reach consensus. The result is that 62-2001 currently offers no guidance to the industry on this subject. Moisture, mold and mildew are indoor air quality problems that are of particular concern to Hospitality businesses, but the 62.1 Committee has not been able to spend much time on these issues. Indeed, because of the need to develop standards that apply widely across all types of buildings, some of the Committee's proposed changes to current standards could actually exacerbate moisture problems in Hospitality Industry venues. It is extremely important that ASHRAE develop design standards relating to the specific needs of the Hospitality Industry.

How an ASHRAE Petition Works

Under ASHRAE Bylaws, a question raised in a petition signed by 300 ASHRAE members (not more than 150 of which may be from one chapter area) must be submitted to the entire ASHRAE membership for a vote. A majority vote of those voting members present in person or by proxy at a regular or special meeting of ASHRAE is required to prevail.

Please lend us your support for this important matter. Please sign the petition and return to us using one of the following options:

- Mail, via first class mail, to Matt Iandoli, MGN, Inc., 101 Constitution Avenue NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20001.
- If you have questions or want further information, please call Matt Iandoli at (202) 742-4292.